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REPORTED THREEFOLD DEMANDS BY HITLER ON VICHY: HANDING OVER OF FRENCH FLEET AND USE OF MEDITERRANEAN PORTS

Reorganisation Of Cabinet Sought

FRANCE IS FACING HER GRAVEST HOUR, STATES A MESSAGE FROM SYDNEY, WHICH DECLARES THAT IT WAS LEARNT THERE THAT HERR HITLER'S LATEST DEMANDS ON VICHY, WHICH HAVE BEEN PRESENTED TO MARSHAL PETAIN, ARE:

- (1) Active collaboration with Germany.
- (2) Reconstitution of the Vichy Cabinet.
- (3) Co-operation in the Mediterranean.

The Nazi interpretation of co-operation in the Mediterranean is stated to be the handing over of the French Fleet to Germany and the use of French ports in that area.

Although this report was not confirmed in London the opinion there is that Hitler's demands will follow the lines indicated above.

UNEXPECTED ARRIVAL OF M. BAUDOIN FROM PARIS

LONDON, Feb. 3 (Reuters)—The Times reports the unexpected arrival in Vichy from Paris of M. BAUDOIN, former Petain Minister and friend of M. Laval, and this is believed to be a prelude to an attempt to get M. Laval reinstated in the Vichy Cabinet under German pressure.

The DAILY TELEGRAPH thinks Hitler would then use Laval to obtain assistance against Britain, mainly the naval base of Bizerte and at least a benevolent neutrality in Tunis which was threatened by the Italian Army in Tripolitania.

Meanwhile, the anti-Vichy campaign from the German controlled Paris press and radio continues. One leader of the Nazi-inspired new national popular party, formed in Paris on Saturday, instigates over the radio that Vichy is jeopardising French future and reveals the bait offered by Hitler for fuller French co-operation.

INTEGRITY OF FRANCE
He declared M. Laval had obtained peace terms which would guarantee the integrity of France and her empire, except Alsace and part of Lorraine.

He added the Germans decided to liberate as many prisoners as there were French workmen willing to accept work in Germany and that the Germans consented to release hundreds and thousands of prisoners of war for the safeguard of the French harvest.

The Sydney message adds that the declaration from Germany yesterday that the waters between Malta and Sicily will now be a war zone is a prelude to the invasion of Britain.

It is regarded in Australia as vital to British communications as far as this new war zone is concerned.

Already German planes have been operating from Sicilian airfields.

Few thinking Italians, states the Sydney message, have now any doubt that German hordes will soon come pouring down into Italy.

It is believed that Hitler has already made certain demands on Signor Mussolini, who will be forced to accept them.

According to a London message, a German statement declares that if M. Laval returns to the Vichy Government it would be the means of assuring France's future in Europe.

A.E.D. FORMED IN AUSTRALIA

An Army Education Department has been formed in Australia, according to a message from Sydney.

The object of this new Department, which will be in charge of a Professor of a Sydney University, is to educate soldiers while on active service and to fit members of the Australian Imperial Force for absorption into Australian industry after the war.

CHICAGO, Feb. 3 (Reuters)—The death occurred here yesterday of Mr. Salmon Oliver Levinson.

FRENCH FLEET WILL DEFEND EMPIRE

Radio Lyons gave the summary of a speech by ADMIRAL DARLAN in which he said that the French Fleet at present in the future will remain under French jurisdiction and will defend the empire against any attack from any quarter, states a London message.

ANOTHER WOEFUL ANSALDO SPEECH

Signor Ansaldi, who is now known as "Woe, woe, Ansaldi," was in woeful mood, according to a London message, when he broadcast to the Italian armed forces.

Signor Ansaldi referred to the disasters in Greece and North Africa as painful. He tried to cheer himself up by quoting Hitler's threat to annihilate Britain.

Italian dependence on Germany was illustrated in another broadcast by the President of the Italian Anti-Federation of Industrial Works, who said that Italian workers' hours should be increased so that more could be set free to go to Germany to work for the Germans.

In yet a third broadcast concern was expressed about the United States.

Two opposing lines were taken. One that America was inciting Britain to fight in the interests of British Imperialism and the other assuring the United States that she is the dupe of Britain.

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Japan Will Ignore Representations By The Netherlands

TOKYO, Feb. 3 (Reuters)—JAPAN WILL IGNORE THE REPRESENTATIONS MADE BY THE NETHERLANDS MINISTER regarding the new order in East Asia, according to vernacular newspapers.

According to reports from London, the Netherlands Minister has been instructed to reject the suggested incorporation of the Netherlands East Indies in the new order in East Asia under Japanese domination.

It is understood that Mr. Ohashi, Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs, in rejecting the representations, declared that the Japanese Government has nothing to do with the observations of the Netherlands Government which has removed its seat to London.

ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

He further declared that common prosperity as advocated by Japan concerns only economic affairs and has no political significance and therefore the Batavia parley between Japan and the Netherlands East Indies will be continued.

The Domei Agency urges the Netherlands Government to "look straight at actualities before criticising the sphere of common prosperity of Greater East Asia" while the YOMIURI SHIMBUN warns the Netherlands Government "it would forfeit the right to existence in Greater East Asia before the combined attack of all East Asiatic peoples if it should persist in the bigoted and obstinate attitude investigated by British and American influences."

SWORDFISH AIRCRAFT OF THE FLEET AIR ARM on Sunday attacked Sardinia. Yesterday single German raiders were over Britain and one plane was shot down by anti-aircraft fire.

ENEMY PLANES KILL OWN PRISONERS

The Admiralty issued the following communiqué late yesterday, states a London message.

It has been reported from the Mediterranean that a large number of Italian prisoners have lost their lives as a result of either German or Italian action.

A merchant ship, which was evacuating prisoners from Libya, was attacked by aircraft when several hits were scored on the vessel.

A large number of casualties was caused among Italian prisoners of war and many of them were fatally injured.

3 GREATEST LEADERS

The South African Minister of Finance said that if history had to decide who were the three greatest leaders produced by the war it could not do better than choose Mr. Winston CHURCHILL, Mr. Franklin D. ROOSEVELT (a great American of Dutch descent) and General SMUTS, states a London message.

WAR PRODUCTION FOR EAST

Australia will soon become the centre of war production for the East, states a Sydney message.

Australian workmen are showing themselves equal to the British in the manufacture of war materials and equipment and the production of the Bren gun in Australia is considered a great feat because of its intricate parts.

Not Japan's Intention

TOKYO, Feb. 3 (Reuters)—Japan has no intention whatsoever of forcing war upon the United States but it would be a masterly and strategic achievement on the part of the Axis Powers should the United States unleash war in the Pacific of her own accord.

REAR-ADmiral GUMPEL SEKINE (retired), former chief of the defence Publicity Bureau of the Navy Office and naval commentator, declared writing in the HOCHI SHIMBUN.

The United States cannot at present extend full aid to Britain and wage war on Japan at the same time, the Japanese commentator said, because firstly, American industrial power is insufficient, secondly, the naval strength is insufficient and thirdly, on account of a possible protraction of a war with Japan should it be started now.

He was impressed by the fact that workmen are carrying on with the building of the Liverpool Cathedral whose windows, he said, were the most beautiful he had ever seen.

Mr. Willkie said that what he had seen of the bombed areas had convinced him that this type of warfare would not accomplish its object of killing off the population or shaking their resolve.

As a matter of fact, these tactics had increased the resolution of the people.

Mr. Willkie was given a great reception in Liverpool, where turning to a workman, he said, "Keep right at it."

BARENTU OCCUPIED: PREPARATIONS FOR ADVANCE ON DERNA PROCEEDING

It was officially announced in London yesterday afternoon that the British forces have occupied the town of BARENTU, in Eritrea, states a London message. It was already known that the Italian troops in Barentu had been cut off when the British took Agordat. The Fleet Air Arm and the R.A.F. co-operated in the occupation.

A communiqué from Cairo states:

LIBYA: Preparations for the continuation of the advance on Derna are proceeding; ERITREA: As a result of the British operations the enemy evacuated Barentu which we occupied yesterday. In the northern sector the British mechanised forces are pressing back the Italian forces; ABYSSINIA: The British pursuit of enemy forces which are retreating to Gondar is continuing.

The Italians destroyed large quantities of stores and materials before evacuating. ITALIAN SOMALILAND: Vigorous activity by British patrols continues to extend penetration across the frontier.

It was added in London that the capture of Barentu and Agordat now threatens the Red Sea port of MASSAWA.

BRITISH FORCES ARE PURSUING ITALIANS ON FOUR FRONTS IN EAST AFRICA: INDIAN TROOPS MAGNIFICENT WORK

THERE WILL BE NO DUNKIRK FOR INVADERS

MESSAGE TO ST. GEORGE'S SOC.

"Though the German invaders may land here none will return. There will be no Dunkirk for them," stated Lord Queensborough in his monthly message to Royal Society of St. George, according to a London message.

Lord Queensborough added that Britain had superiority, if not in numbers, then in morale on land, sea and in the air.

On land there had never been any doubt that the Briton was superior to the German.

The growing spirit of British and American well-wishers must spell defeat for the enemy although that defeat would not be without heavy losses.

CANNOT BE DECISIVE

STOCKHOLM, Feb. 3 (Reuters)—Whatever the Germans do to help the Italians it cannot be decisive, states COLONEL BRATT, the Swedish military expert, in the DAGENS NYHETER today.

At best, the German help might make General Wavell's forces retire but could hardly result in the capture of the Suez Canal.

Colonel Bratt considers an attempted invasion of Britain is the most probable alternative. But he believes the Germans hope intensified submarine warfare will bring a result that will make the vast risks of invasion unnecessary.

If an invasion is attempted, he considers it will be when winter is merging into spring.

"None can foresee with any certainty where the attempt will succeed or fail."

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SARDINIA RAIDED

LONDON, Feb. 3 (Reuters)—Swordfish aircraft of the Fleet Air Arm successfully attacked one of the main sources of power supply in Sardinia yesterday, according to a London message.

One British aircraft is missing from the operation.

An Italian High Command communiqué states the British planes dropped bombs and two aerial torpedoes on the dam of the River Tormo during the air raid on Sardinia.

The communiqué adds one British plane was shot down.

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TACTICAL MISTAKE BY INDIANS' SKIPPER ENABLED K.C.C. TO SCORE OUTRIGHT WIN

Anderson Carries Bat For Polished 74: Recreio Held To A Draw At Happy Valley

BY "BARNABAS"

KOWLOON C.C.'S PROSPECTS OF RETAINING THE SENIOR LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP HAVE BRIGHTENED IMMEASURABLY, not only as a result of their victory over the Indians last Saturday but also on account of the fact that their closest rivals, Club de Recreio, were held to a draw by the Civil Service.

The feature of the match at Cox's Road between K.C.C. and the Indians was the absurdly early declaration made by Khass Nazarin, the Indian skipper. In view of the fact that in February stumps are not drawn until 6.15 p.m., Nazarin, in my opinion, stretched sportsmanship a trifle too far when he declared the I.R.C. innings closed at 4.15 p.m., with the score at 157 for 8 wickets, thus giving the K.C.C., a team whose batting capabilities go down right to the eleventh man, two hours in which to score the necessary runs.

The K.C.C. batsmen set about however, as they have won all their task in leisurely manner, three matches whereas K.C.C. only Francis Lay seemed to have though they are at the top of the been in a hurry, and when the League Table have drawn one winning shot was scored they had and won the rest of their four matches.

The match between the Craingener and Civil Service second strings saw a thrilling finish, the former winning by just one wicket. Once again A.M. Omar came off with the ball and was greatly instrumental in the Craingener victory. He took 6 wickets for 29 runs and Bill Way did his bit by taking 3 for 10.

Civil Service C.C. lost the wicket of A. Watson and F.E. Lawrence for only 16 runs. Then G. Ainslie and J. Barrow put on 58 runs for the third wicket and when Barrow left the score stood at 72. Though Ainslie continued batting and had scored 50 before being out, the rest of the Civil Service batsmen collapsed and were all out for only 97 runs.

Rumjahn who was showing flashes of his old brilliance at this stage of the game was then associated with Ahmad Madar and together they brought the score to 67 when Rumjahn called for an absurdly short run and was promptly run out by Lloyd. He had collected a delightful 36.

Madar was gaining confidence with every ball sent down, and when he had his eye well in, he played a forceful innings which came to a close when he gave a catch to Duggin Hung who grimly hung on to it. He had scored 41.

Ernie Fincher brought off a beautiful one-handed catch right on the boundary to dismiss Fatty Minu who might have proved a veritable thorn in the K.C.C. side. K.M. Rumjahn batted well for his 17 runs, Nazarin rang the bell when the Indians had scored 157 for 8.

The K.C.C. were never in any need for hurry to score the runs. Donald Anderson, yet once again, came off with the bat and scored a polished 74 not out. Francis Lay, who survived innumerable lb.w. appeals (at least one of which looked suspiciously like the real thing), helped greatly with a fast 34. The Indian total was overhauled at 6.05 p.m., ten minutes before time for drawing stumps.

RECREIO HELD

The death of his father, which occurred on Saturday, prevented H.L. Ozorio from participating in the Recreio - Civil Service match. I am sure all cricketers in the Colony will sympathise with him in his bereavement.

As the result of Ozorio's enforced absence, Recreio had to take the field without their usual contingent of bowlers. However, P.M. da Silva who has proved himself the very backbone of their Second Eleven attack was brought up in his place. If Recreio failed to force a win it was not Silva's fault, as he took 4 wickets for 38 runs.

Batting first, the Civil Servants opened with Dickie Richardson and K. Attwell. The latter soon losing his wicket, Richardson then became associated with A.E. Perry in a partnership that produced 44 runs before Perry was caught and bowled by A.M. Prata for 28.

Richardson batted on stubbornly, but he was eventually bowled by Silva for an invaluable 31. Bill Colledge and Tim Fortescue helped to bring the total to 149, with 29 and 36 not out respectively.

Golig in to bat at 4.40 p.m., Recreio needed only 37 more runs to win with 5 wickets in hand when stumps were drawn. To their total of 113 for 5 wickets J.M. Gosano contributed 21, G.A.N. Remedios 28, I think the reason for Recreio's failure to force a win was because of the steadiness of Perry and D. McLellan who bowled unchanged throughout the Recreio innings.

JUNIOR MATCHES

In the Second Division the Kowloon C.C. and Craingener are running neck and neck for the championship. The latter have a slight edge over their rivals

COLONY TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Competition To Start Next Month

Hongkong Cricket Club announce the forthcoming Colony Open Tennis Championships, which will start on Monday, March 10. All games will be played on the H.K.C.C. courts.

The usual open singles and doubles events will be held, and there are again a number of members' events. It has been decided by the committee that any surplus resulting from the tournament this year be donated to the Bomber Fund.

Small mementoes will be presented to winners of the various events in place of the trophies presented in previous years. The possibility of volunteer duties affecting the programme to a considerable extent has also been taken into consideration, and intending competitors are asked to notify the committee on which days of the week they will not be able to play as a result of these duties.

FANLING GOLF

Junior Championship Of R.H.K.G.C.

Semi-final matches in the Captain's Cup and the Men's foursomes were played at the Country Golf Club on Sunday, resulting as follows:-

MEN'S FOURSOMES

R. E. Lee and A. W. Ramsey beat Geo. Lee and A. T. Lee 6 and 5; W. Williamson and C. S. M. Thom beat T. Y. C. Lee and C. H. Suen 2 up.

CAPTAIN'S CUP

A. W. Ramsey beat C. H. Suen 5 and 3. The other semi-final match between R. E. Lee and F. X. Silva will be played next Sunday.

AT FANLING

In the second round of the Junior Championship of the Royal Hongkong Golf Club on Sunday, N. D. Lloyd beat D. J. Valentine 4 and 2, S. L. Lloyd beat F. A. Redmond 4 and 2, A. J. Dennis beat P. V. McLane 2 and 1, and E. J. Price beat F. N. Merritt 3 and 2.

Ladies' Golf

Medal Competitions At Fanling Today

The usual Monthly Medal Competitions of the Royal Hongkong Golf Club (Ladies' Section) will be held on the Old and New Courses at Fanling today. During the month a Bogey Competition will be held on the New Course.

Owing to the absence of so many lady golfers, the Annual Spring Meeting will be confined to one day, the date fixed being Tuesday, March 11.

Particulars will be posted later.

JANUARY COMPETITION

The Monthly Medal Competition (Bronze Division) on the New Course was won by Mrs. Greaves, 106-29-77. No cards were returned in the Silver Division.

The Bogey Competition held on the New Course on Jan. 21 was won by Mrs. Eldon Potter—4 down, (13 entries).

Mrs. Redmond qualified for the Captain's Cup on the Old Course 98-16-82, and Mrs. Margrett on the New Course, 98-24-72.

The Running Medal on the New Course was won by Mrs. Redmond, 88-16-72.

CAPTAIN'S CUP

The Captain's Cup competition of the Royal Hongkong Golf Club played at Fanling on Feb. 1/2 resulted as follows:-

OLD COURSE.—G. T. Harrington 84-15-69. There were 22 entries.

NEW COURSE.—F. A. Redmond 78-11-67. There were eight entries.

To be weighed by the Clerk of the Scales.

As from Jan. 30 the foregoing rule will be strictly enforced. In the event of the disqualification of any of the first three placed ponies, failure to weigh in on the part of the rider of the pony officially placed fourth will entail the forfeiture of any stake money to which the owner of the pony would have been entitled.

ENFORCEMENT OF RULING

Owners And Jockeys Are Warned

The attention of Owners and Jockeys is called to Rule of Racing No. 150, according to a circular issued by the Hongkong Jockey Club.

The rule reads as follows:-

"The first four placed riders and any other rider, if called upon to weigh in by the Stewards, must immediately, after jumping up, ride his horse to the dismounting enclosure, dismount, in the presence of a Steward, and present himself

SPORTS

First Round Of Colony Chess Tourney Today: Carvalho v. Sequeira

The first round of the Colony Chess Championship Tournament will be played today with D. E. de Carvalho and C. M. Sequeira, both former Colony champions, drawn against one another. In the other two matches, both of which will be played at the Peninsula Hotel, G. S. Coxhead meets E. Zimmern, runner-up last year, and L. Karovich meets K. Weiss.

PEN SKETCHES OF COMPETITORS

C. M. SEQUEIRA—a quiet, confident and thorough player, five times Colony Champion. Considers that he feels quite safe with white but can never learn enough about play with the black pieces. Fond of the French and Reti defences and other P-K3 variations, he is an excellent middle game player in the Colony and is only equalled by Zimmern as a Tournament player.

D. E. DE CARVALHO—three times Colony Champion, fourth in last year's Championship Tournament, keenest player in the Colony today and excels in the openings. Follows an orthodox style of play and is fond of the Ruy Lopez (or Spanish game). A strong offensive player, he is considerably weaker with black than with white. Values his game with black and comes into his own in an end game with pawns and small pieces. Very liable to risk a drawn position for an uncertain win.

E. ZIMMERN—runner-up in last year's Tournament to K.M.A. Barnett and the only representative of Victoria Chess Club in this year's championship. Strong in the middle game and weak in end-game play, he is fond of Queen's gambit variations in the opening. An excellent Tournament player and likely to show always a better result than allowed on paper. Often plays French defence when black and is to a large extent a "book" player.

K. WEISS—third in last year's Tournament. He is a very hazardous player and over fond of King's gambit variations. Occasionally brilliant in attack, may cut up his opponent's position before the latter has had time to consolidate a moderate attack. Takes the offensive with black and often loses a game on a bad mistake while adopting such tactics. A much better player than he appears to be when judged by Tournament results.

G. S. COXHEAD—played on the London University team before coming out here and is making his first appearance in the local Championship. A very imaginative player, he has been described by an adversary of the Continental School as a typical English player. Strongest in the middle game and a dour fighter in end-games, where his accuracy surprises his opponents. Often takes the offensive when playing black and constantly varies his openings and defences.

L. KAROVICH—making his first appearance in the Tournament, he has been described as a "colourless" player and, at the same time, as a "coming" player. Suffice to say, his best days are ahead, though it would be a very serious mistake for any one of his opponents to underestimate him in this year's competition. A typically defensive player, he watches his opponent and has a knack for detecting and exploiting mistakes. A very good end-game player, he is very, very patient. Likely to score wins and draws when least expected and a good Tournament player.

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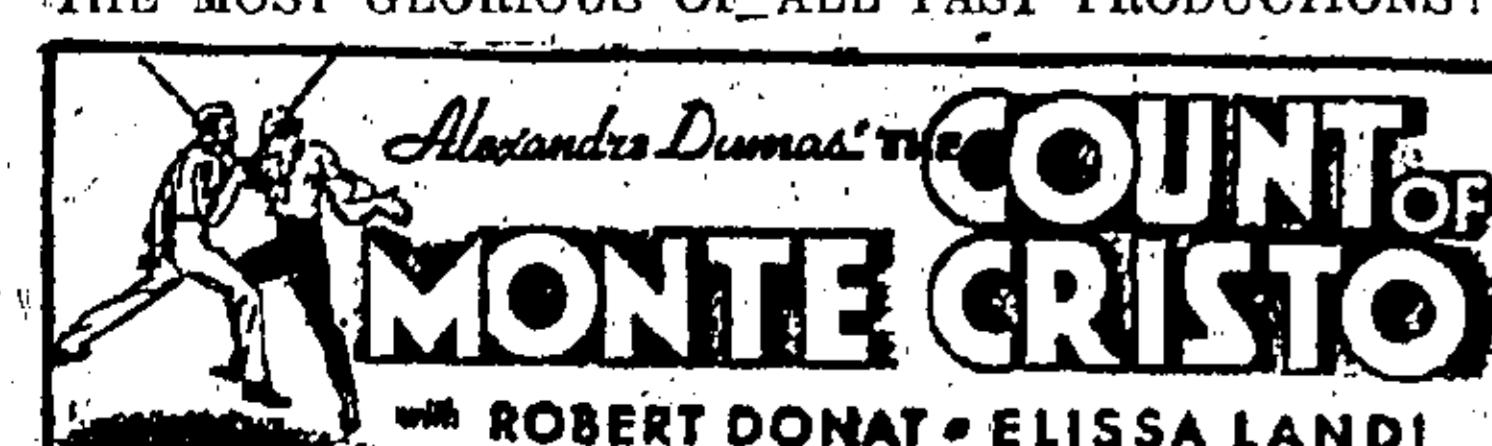
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Portuguese Programme

12.15 p.m. Short Service of Intercession.

12.30 Military Band Music with Percy Heming (Baritone).

Marches — Entry of the Boyards (Halvorsen, arr. Winterbottom); Hawa (Moret) — The Band of H.M. Coldstream Guards. Fairings; Come to the Fair ("Songs of the Fair" — Easthope Martin) — Percy Heming (Baritone) with Orchestra. Hobomoko — Intermezzo (Reeves); Wedding of the Rose (Jessel) — The Band of H.M. Coldstream Guards. Hatfield, Bells (Easthope Martin); Crown of the Year (Easthope Martin) — Percy Heming (Baritone) with Piano. Valse Des Alouettes (Drigo); Amorette Tanze (Gung) — Band of H.M. Coldstream Guards.

1.00 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 Lalo — Symphonie Espagnole for Violin and Orchestra, Op. 21.

1st Mov: Allegro non troppo; 2nd Mov: Scherzando-Allegro molto; 3rd Mov: Andante; 4th Mov: Rondo — Bronislav Huberman (Violin) and the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra.

1.10 Reuter and Buggy Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 Variety.

Comedian — Issy Goes to Lunch; My Best Friend — Issy Bonn with Orchestra.

Vocal — On the Beach at Ball-Ball; I Met My Waterloo — Connie Boswell with Orchestra. Vocal — Swanee River (Foster); I Dream of Jeannie with the Light Brown Hair (Foster) — Frank Luther and the Lyn Murray Quartet with Piano, Guitar & Violin acc. Orch. — Miss Dolly Dollars — Entr'acte (Victor Herbert); Love is Best of All ("Princess Pat" — Victor Herbert) — Harry Horlick and His Orchestra.

2.15 Close down.

5.45 Indian Programme.

6.30 Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.32 Mendelssohn — Quartet in D Major, Op. 44, No. 1.

1st Mov: Molto Allegro vivace; 2nd Mov: Menuetto; Un poco Allegretto;

3rd Mov: Andante espresso ma, con moto; 4th Mov: Presto con brio — Stradivarius String Quartet.

7.00 London Relay — The News.

7.15 London Relay — "Questions of the Hour."

7.30 Portuguese Programme.

8.00 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 Studio — Harry Ore (Piano) playing Tchaikovsky's Sonata in G Major, Op. 37.

1st Mov: Moderato e risoluto; 2nd Mov: Andante non troppo; 3rd Mov: Scherzo; 4th Mov: Allegro vivace.

8.30 Light Classics.

"London Again" Suite (Eric Coates); (a) Langham Place; (b) Oxford Street — The London Palladium Orchestra cond. by Richard Crenan.

9.00 Chico Marx.

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10.00 Chico Marx.

Tales of Hoffmann — Vocal, Gems (Offenbach) — Grand Opera Company with Orchestra. The Violin Song (from "Tina" — Paul Rubens); L'Heure Exquise (Hahn) — Albert Sandler (Violin) with Byfield (Piano) and Sammen (Cello); "Mignon" — Vocal Gems (Thomas) — Grand Opera Company with Orchestra. Knightbridge March (Eric Coates) — Philip Green and His Orchestra. Drake's Drum (Songs of the Sea — Stanford) — Peter Dawson (Bass-Baritone) with Male Chorus & Orchestra.

9.00 London Relay — The News and News Commentary.

9.30 London Relay — Talk: "Scots Abroad."

9.45 Scottish Songs.

That's The Reason Not I Wear A Kilt; Oh, How I Weary, Deane, For You — Harry Lauder (Baritone) with Orchestra. Tam Glen (arr. Stephen and Burnett); Deirdre's Farewell to Scotland ("Songs of the Hebrides" — arr. Kennedy Fraser); Jean Day (Soprano) with Piano. Sound the Pibroch (Trad. — arr. Lees); Skye Boat Song (Trad. — arr. Lawson) — Alexander MacGregor (Baritone) with Piano acc.

10.05 Variety.

Vocal — Glamorous Night (from same Novel) — Mary Ellis (Soprano) with Orchestra. Vocal — Sing a Song of Harvest (from "Kentucky Moonshine"); Just Let Me Look At You (from "Joy of Living") — Kenny Baker with Orchestra. Vocal — When the Gipsy Played ("Glamorous Night" — Novello) — Mary Ellis (Soprano) with Orchestra. Humorous — Good Luck (Adapted from "March 'Colonel Bogey'"); We Must All Stick Together (Butler-Wallace) — Muriatroyd and Winterbottom with Orchestra. Orch. Dance "Hit" — Medley — Intro: I've got you under my skin; Goodnight, my love; May I have the next romance; Boo-Hoo; Pennies from Heaven; When my dream boat comes home — New Mayfair Orchestra with Vocal Refrain. Comedians — More Chestnut Corner (Askey-Murdoch) — Arthur Askey and Richard Murdoch. Comedian — The Seagull Song — Arthur Askey with Piano acc. "Vocal — Love Stay In My Heart (from "Top of the World"); Remember September (Noel-Pelosi) — Les Aspinall with Instrumental acc. Piano — "Top of the World" Selection — Eddie Carroll; with Siring Bass and Drums and Vocal by Gwen Jones. Vocal — Moonglow (Mills and Others); How Can I Face This Wearied World Along (Mallory) — Ethel Waters with Orchestra acc.

11.00 Close down.

COMING EVENTS

FEB.

4-Tides: High 1.06 a.m. and 2.45 p.m. Low 7.47 a.m. and 9.49 p.m. Sunrise: 7.02 a.m.; Sunset: 6.14 p.m. H.K. Rotary Club Meeting, 1 p.m. Kowloon Chess Club, Peninsula Hotel, 5.30 p.m.

Mrs. Lehmann Clift's Bible Class, 9, Hillwood Road, 10.30 a.m.

Cheero Club, Whist Drive, 8.30 p.m. H.K. Football Referees' Assn. Monthly Meeting, Hotel Cecil, 8 p.m.

H.K. Branch of English Assn., Helena May Inst., 5.30 p.m.

St. Andrew's Church: War-Time Intercession Service, 6 p.m.

S. and S. Home: Prayer and Fellowship Meeting, 8.30 p.m.

St. Andrew's Fellowship, Sports Challenge Night, 8 p.m.

5-Tides: High 1.57 a.m. and 3.32 p.m. Low 8.14 a.m. and 11.32 p.m.

Sunrise: 7.01 a.m.; Sunset: 6.14 p.m. Cheero Club, Dance, 8.30 p.m.

Ladies' Working Party (E.W.O.F.). Govt. House, 9 a.m.-12.30 p.m.

Volunteer Nursing Detachment, Home Nursing Lecture, Helena May Inst., 5.30 p.m.; Practical Class, 4.30 p.m.

St. Andrew's Fellowship, General Committee Meeting, 6.30 p.m.

Christ Church Fellowship Committee Meeting, 8 p.m.

Helena May Inst.: Bridge and Mah-Jongg Drive, 3 p.m.

6-Tides: High 4.17 a.m. and 4.30 p.m. Low 8.44 a.m.

Sunrise: 7.01 a.m.; Sunset: 6.15 p.m. H.K. Y's Men's Club Tiffin Meeting, 1 p.m.

Cheero Club, Bridge and Mah-Jongg, 7-Tides: High 7.38 a.m. and 9.27 p.m. Low 12.38 a.m. and 10.01 a.m.

Sunrise: 7 a.m.; Sunset: 6.15 p.m. Sino-British Cultural Assn. Meeting. H.E. the Acting Governor, dines with the French Consul-General and Mde. Reynaud, 8.30 p.m.

Cheero Club, Darts and Table-Tennis.

Ladies' Working Party (E.W.O.F.). Govt. House, 8 a.m.-12.30 p.m.

Diocesan Boys' School — Test for New Pupils, 9 a.m.

8-Tides: High 8.22 a.m. and 6.20 p.m. Low 12.41 a.m. and 11.39 a.m.

Sunrise: 6.59 a.m.; Sunset: 6.16 p.m. Kowloon Golf Club, Annual Dance, 7-Tides: High 9.11 a.m. and 7.59 p.m. Low 2.40 a.m. and 1.35 p.m.

Sunrise: 6.58 a.m.; Sunset: 6.17 p.m. Ladies' Working Party (E.W.O.F.), Govt. House, 9 a.m.-12.30 p.m.

St. John's Cathedral Hall: Annual Meeting of Electors, 5.30 p.m.

11-Tides: High 9.37 a.m. and 8.46 p.m. Low 3.16 a.m. and 2.22 p.m.

Sunrise: 6.58 a.m.; Sunset: 6.18 p.m. H.K. Rotary Club Tiffin Meeting, 1 p.m.

Diocesan Boys' School, New Term Starts.

12-Tides: High 10.08 a.m. and 9.31 p.m. Low 3.52 a.m. and 3.07 p.m.

Sunrise: 6.57 a.m.; Sunset: 6.19 p.m. Ladies' Working Party (E.W.O.F.), Govt. House, 9 a.m.-12.30 p.m.

St. John's Cathedral Hall: Annual Meeting of Electors, 5.30 p.m.

13-Tides: High 10.42 a.m. and 10.18 p.m. Low 4.27 a.m. and 3.51 p.m.

Sunrise: 6.57 a.m.; Sunset: 6.19 p.m. H.K. Y's Men's Club, Tiffin Meeting, 1 p.m.

14-Tides: High 11.16 a.m. and 10.07 p.m. Low 5.03 a.m. and 4.37 p.m.

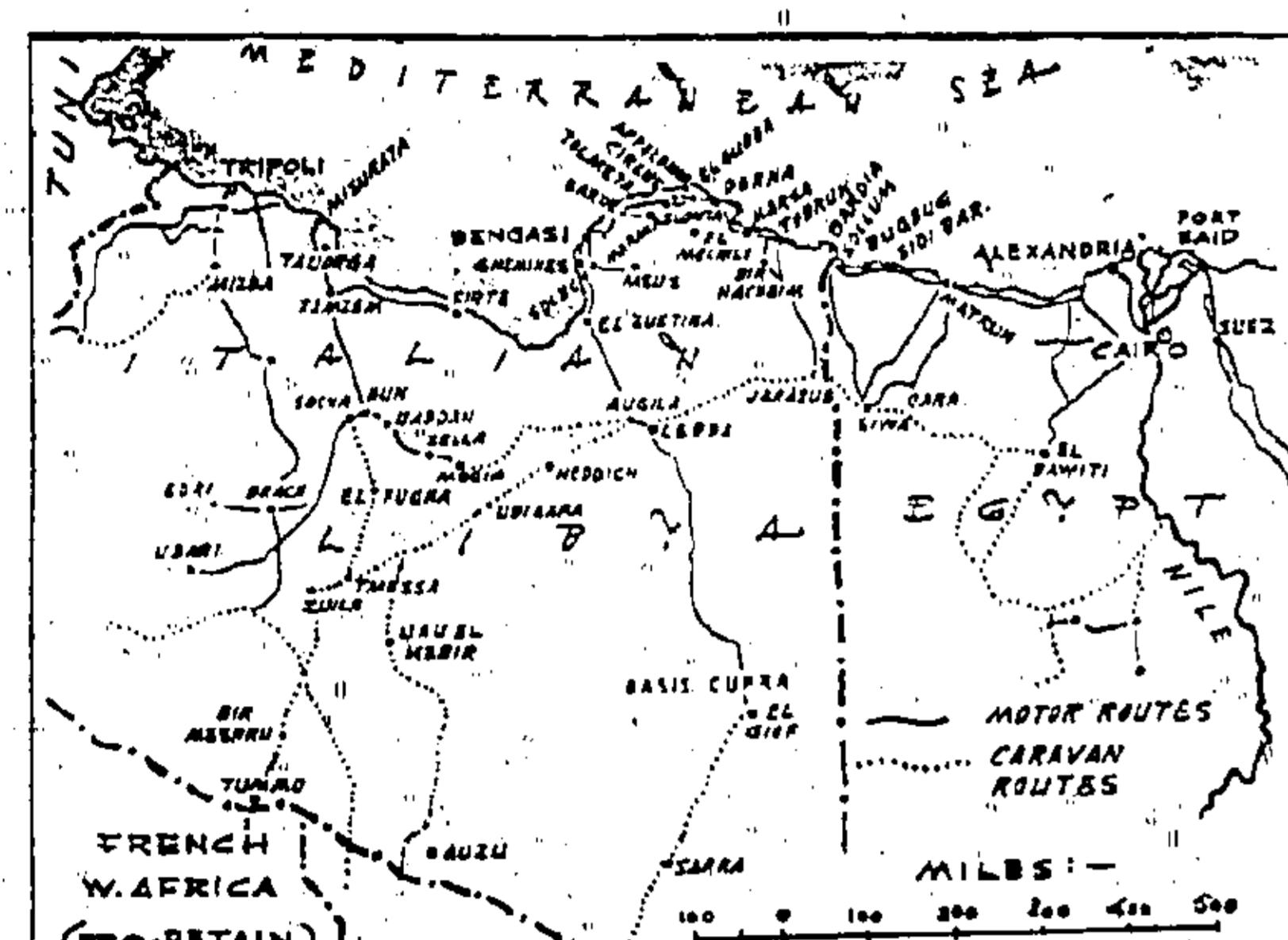
Sunrise:

BRITISH UNITS PRESSING ON KEREN FOLLOWING FALL OF AGORDAT

Italians Also In Full Retreat In Abyssinia

CAIRO, Feb. 3 (Reuter)—British troops have captured the town of Agordat, an important strategical point in Eritrea on the railway leading to the Red Sea port of Massawa.

Announcing this success, yesterday's communiqué from British G.H.Q. says: "Yesterday morning British troops captured the town of Agordat, taking many hundreds of prisoners with guns and mechanical transport. Six Italian medium tanks, five light tanks and 15 guns were also destroyed."



The enemy sustained heavy casualties during the final attack carried out by the British and Indian troops with R.A.F. co-operation. By dusk, advanced elements of the British forces were again in close pursuit of the enemy withdrawing towards Keren.

"In the Barentu area operations are proceeding well, while further south, Blacundi is now in British hands with more prisoners from the Italian forces which were originally withdrawn from Umm Hagar."

TRANSPORTS ABANDONED
As the result of these actions, coupled with patriot activities, Italian troops withdrawing from the Wukait district have been obliged to abandon the bulk of their mechanical transport and are now trying to make their way eastwards by mountain tracks.

In Abyssinia, following British pressure, in the Metemma area, the enemy is also in full retreat on the Metemma-Gondar road, closely followed by British mobile troops.

Pressure by British patrols continues in all sectors in Italian Somaliland, across the Italian frontier, resulting in a general falling back of the enemy's advanced screen."

Regarding Libya, the communiqué says that concentration of British forces in the area is proceeding smoothly.

DRIVE ON KEREN
Following the capture of Agordat the British troops were yesterday pressing on towards Keren 50 miles further east on the railway to Massawa.

Keren is probably less well defended than Agordat but the tempo of the British advance is now expected to slow down somewhat as the mountainous nature of the terrain favours the defence.

Agordat was held by a large Italian garrison a number of whom evidently escaped despite the capture of several hundred prisoners.

A military spokesman in Cairo yesterday said the Italians at Barentu were now in "a very sticky position."

They are virtually surrounded though they may hold out for a few days yet.

ROAD SHELLIED
Meanwhile British shells are raining down on the Metemma-Gondar road as British mobile forces chase the Italians into the interior of Abyssinia.

The Italians in this sector appear to have been taken by surprise as they had expected to be faced only with guerrilla warfare by Ethiopian patriots and not with regular military action such as is now occurring.

SEVERE KNOCKS

Italy's East African Empire has taken more severe knocks with the fall of Agordat, strategic rail on the route to the Red Sea, the falling back of the armed advance screen protecting Somaliland and the "full" retreat of the forces which had held up the British penetration into north-east Abyssinia, from Metemma.

Italian forces seeking a way across the mountains in the Wal-

FRANCO-GERMAN SITUATION

NO OVERT MOVE BY REICH ENVISAGED

MADRID, Feb. 3 (Reuter)—Hitler's reply to Marshal Petain's Christmas message is probably in the form of short letter couched in cold terms, according to Spanish correspondents in Berlin.

Wilhelmstrasse circles are apparently extremely non-committal on the subject, but most Spanish observers in the German capital seem to agree that in spite of rumours of a possible renunciation of the armistice by the Nazis, Germany does not contemplate any drastic action, at least for the present.

In this connexion, the Berlin correspondent of the Spanish agency, Efe, says: "It must not be forgotten that a great deal of Petain's strength lies in the discipline and calm shown by the French Colonial Army and the French Fleet."

'CRITICAL HOUR'

The correspondent of Alcazar declared that "Germany has no interest in complications that distract her attention in the critical hour of her preparations for attaining victory."

The Berlin representative of the A.B.C. expresses the view that Germany may be on the verge of an important decision vis-a-vis France. The affair is being expressed, he adds, in the German press as a struggle between Paris and Vichy.

The Arriba, which has always championed Franco-German collaboration, yesterday wrote sceptically on "these programmes of national revolution shouted from the radios and the Press."

GERMAN BOMBERS
The Axis High Command reports intervention by German bombers in the war in Libya but British headquarters in Cairo say that the concentration of British forces west of Derna is "proceeding smoothly" and R.A.F. fighters which maintained patrols over Libya suffered no loss.

It is considered probable, writes Reuter's air correspondent, that German aircraft attempting to harass the British advance in Libya are long-range bombers operating direct from Sicily, though it is possible for shorter-range aircraft to take part after refuelling at Libyan aerodromes.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF AUSTRALIA

MELBOURNE, Feb. 3 (Reuter)—Australian defence preparations must go ahead at full speed, declared the Air Minister speaking at Parade here yesterday.

He added: "A powerful country in the Pacific has joined in a military alliance with the enemy and we are not facing our responsibilities if we do not make ourselves safe."

J.B. PRIESTLEY & VISIT TO A "WINSTON TAVERN"

LONDON, Feb. 2 (BWS)—Broadcasting last evening Mr. J. B. Priestley described his visit to a "communal feeding centre" in Liverpool. "It was clean, bright and sensible and had some excellent mural paintings on the walls."

ITALO-GREEK HOSTILITIES

ADVANCE CLAIMED BY ATHENS

LONDON, Feb. 3 (Reuter)—All enemy attempts to counter-attack have been definitely foiled, stated the Athens radio.

Greek forces have steadily advanced and have taken up new lines and positions according to plan. These operations are beginning a new phase of the Greek advance across Albania.

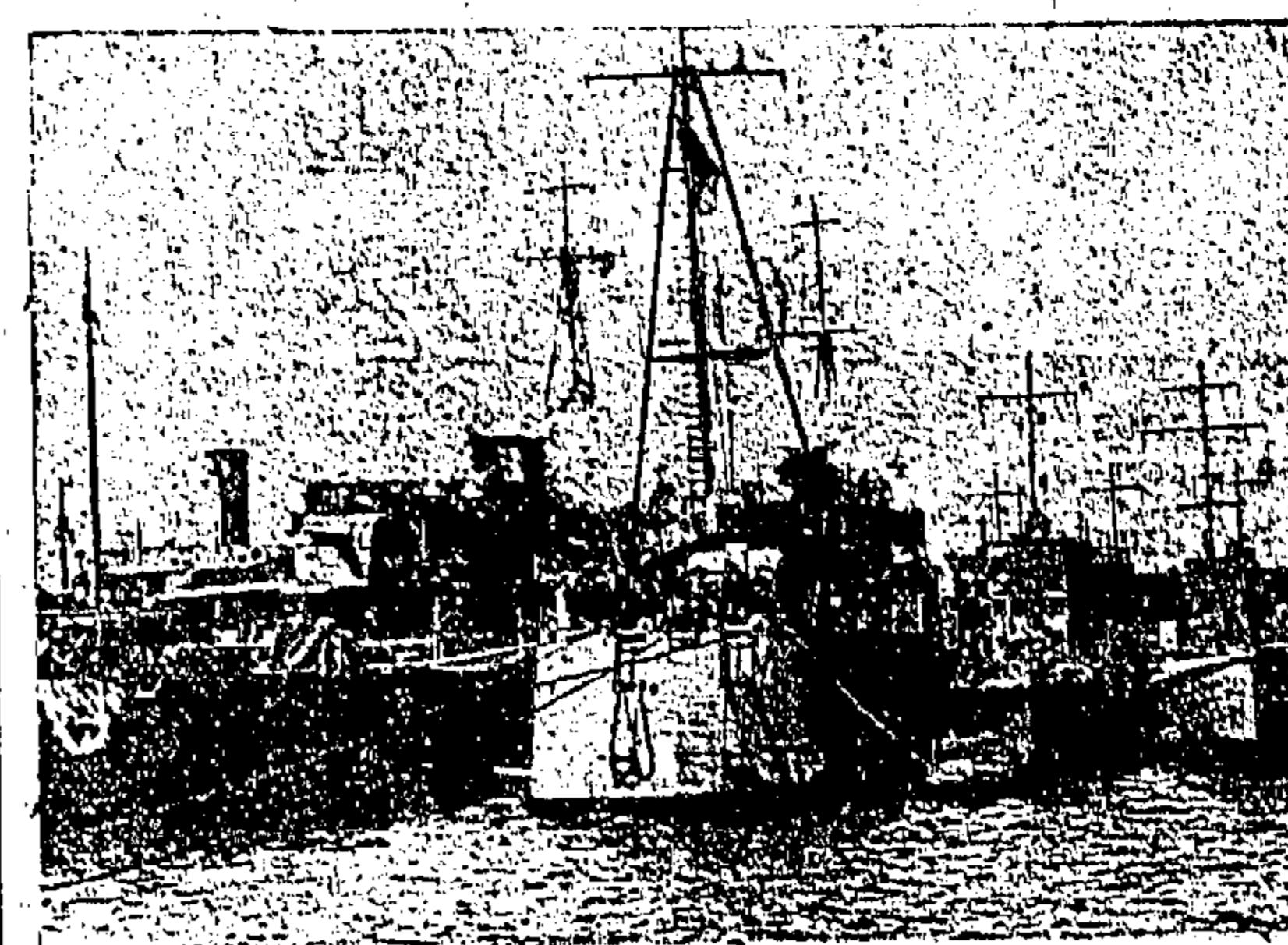
The announcer continued: "The very considerable successes of our army in the sector of the front extending beyond Klisura have obliged General Cavallero, the Italian C.-in-C. to order a speedy evacuation of the Italian forces from this important area."

ITALIAN LOSSES

Foreign observers express the view that any attempt on the part of the Italians to check the tide of Greek advance is doomed to failure because, after repeated disasters, their striking power has been very substantially reduced.

The losses the Italian forces sustained during the latest counter-attack are estimated by these observers to be as high as 40 per cent of their total effective."

GENERAL



French ships which are fighting in the battle of Britain. Some of the lighter units photographed in a Scottish port.

HUNDREDS INJURED IN JOHANNESBURG RIOTS

Police Use Batons, Tear Gas To Disperse Rioters

JOHANNESBURG, Feb. 2 (Reuter)—Wild scenes were witnessed in Johannesburg during the week-end when thousands of Police, civilians and soldiers were involved in serious riots. Some 140 people, mostly soldiers, have been admitted to hospital up to the present.

Armoured cars toured the streets yesterday morning but the city is now quiet. Hundreds of sightseers, however, congregated outside the offices of the Vaderland—General James Herzog's newspaper—and the offices of Transvaler, the Nationalist newspaper supporting the Republican policy. Both offices have been damaged.

The trouble originated on Friday night. Dr. van Rensburg, former Free State administrator and now leader of the Ossewabrandwag, addressed a cultural meeting. The Ossewabrandwag is an organisation of an extreme Republican nature. Dr. van Rensburg's meeting was not political and was generally orderly. Clashes, however, occurred in the streets when the meeting concluded. Soldiers and civilians were involved. Some of the latter were wearing beards which are favoured by members of the Ossewabrandwag.

POLICE INTERVENE

The Police intervened and the soldiers appeared to resent accepting orders from policemen not wearing orange shoulder "flashes." These flashes indicate that the wearers have volunteered for duty in any part of Africa; both the police and soldiers are entitled to wear them.

Trouble again broke out on Saturday night and continued on Sunday morning. The police then used tear gas and made several baton charges to disperse the crowds.

Automobiles were wrecked and a police van was set ablaze. Police reinforcements were sent from the outlying towns and the First National Volunteer Brigade was called out. Troops were summoned from military camps and assisted the military police to maintain order.

On Saturday Johannesburg was, as usual crowded with soldiers on leave and the trouble started when some of them saw a bearded man in a tramcar which they attacked.

NEWSPAPERS ATTACKED

Many shop windows were broken.

The soldiers attempted to reach the offices of the Ossewabrandwag—popularly supposed to be an anti-British organisation—which is in the Transvaal building but failed.

They then ran round the back of the buildings, breaking the plate-glass windows of the Vaderland, when the printing machinery was damaged.

The streets were in considerable turmoil and audiences from cinemas and theatres were added to the crowds when disturbances were at their worst.

East Anglia Bombed By Lone Raiders

LONDON, Feb. 3 (Reuter)—The German air force was not reported over any part of Britain on Saturday night and yesterday confined itself to "light activity by single aircraft" over the eastern part of England, the Air Ministry announces.

A few bombs were dropped in East Anglia but did little damage and caused no casualties, it is officially announced.

During the afternoon some houses and shops were damaged and a small number of people injured by bombing at two places on the coast of Kent.

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JUNK ROBBERY IN MARCH LAST YEAR RECALLED AT D.O. SOUTH

Arrest In Shaukiwan Teahouse Related

ABOUT 6 AM. ON MARCH 2, 1940, LI YAU, THE MASTER OF A CLASS IV BOAT, SET SAIL FROM SHAUKIWAN WITH HIS CREW OF FOUR FOR THE NINE PINS GROUP OF ISLANDS TO PURCHASE FISH. Approximately four hours later, when his boat was about 600 yards to the east of Nine Pins, a Hoklo junk of about 50 piculs capacity approached from the opposite direction.

Shots were fired at Li's boat by the occupants of the other craft, and Li was ordered to haul down his sails. On his doing so, the strange craft came alongside his boat and four of its occupants boarded Li's craft. Two of the marauders were armed with rifles, one with a revolver, and the fourth with a chopper.

Li and his folks were searched and various sums of money and articles of clothing, including two suits of clothes and a jersey which Li was wearing at the time, were taken from them. The crew was then ordered into the hold and kept there for 15 minutes whilst the robbers ransacked the boat.

MADE NO REPORT

On their departure they called to their victims to sail their boat away. Li set course for Nam-O in the Chinese territory, to raise some money from his friends. He returned to Hongkong in September, 1940, but made no report of the robbery to the Police.

On Jan. 7 last, Li Yau was having tea in a teahouse in Main Rd., Shaukiwan, when he saw a man there whom, so it was alleged, he recognised as one of those who robbed his junk nearly a year ago. He went out and reported to a Chinese detective whom he knew, and together they went back to the teahouse where the man was arrested. He was brought to the Shaukiwan Police Station, and transferred to the Water Police Station, Kowloon, the following day.

The above incidents were related to Mr. S. F. Balfour, at the District Office South, by Det.-Sgt. A. F. Estall, when committal pro-

ACUTE RICE SHORTAGE IN KWANGTUNG

Committee Being Formed To Solve Problem

KWANGTUNG, WHICH USED TO BE SELF-SUPPORTING IN-SOFAR AS RICE SUPPLIES WERE CONCERNED, IS NOW EXPERIENCING AN ACUTE SHORTAGE of this very essential commodity. According to the latest information, prices of this cereal have been rising by leaps and bounds, causing great distress among the people who are mostly of the farmer class.

To relieve the inhabitants and to solve this shortage problem, a committee comprising representatives from the different villages is being formed, with the support of the Kwangtung Provincial Government. The aim of this committee, it was learned, is the purchase of rice at more reasonable rates and to distribute it throughout the province.

Mr. Ng Ting-sun has, it was further learned, been invited to act as Chairman of the committee. An inaugural meeting of this committee has been arranged for the very near future and will take place at the Ho Ping Chamber of Commerce.

FOUR SECTIONS

On the formation of the new body, Kwangtung will be divided into four sections, namely, the Southern; Tolshan, Ho Ping, Sun-wui, and Hok Shan; Chungshan and Shun Tak; and the East River district.

Hongkong, with its recent experience of rice profiteering, will watch the activities of this committee with great sympathy and interest.

The so-called acute shortage of rice supplies, and its resultant phenomenal increases in prices, in Hongkong about two months ago were not caused by difficulties of obtaining supplies but to downright profiteering, as the sudden drop in the prices, after Government have taken the necessary control measures, proved.

RESULT OF WAR

In many parts of China—both occupied and free—the shortage of this Chinese staple food was, however, the result of the ruthlessness with which the Japanese conducted their war of aggression. Civilian quarters and rice fields were among the main objectives of indiscriminate bombing by the Japanese Air Force.

Rice fields were harvested by the Japanese, with forced Chinese labour, and the grain confiscated for the Japanese troops.



The King learns about bullet-making from a 15-year-old boy.

GENERAL

WEATHER OF JANUARY

WIDE VARIATIONS RECORDED

The greater part of January was considerably warmer than usual, although there were two short cold spells on the 25th–26th and 30th–31st.

The weather was fair during the early part of the month, but became unsettled with frequent rain from the 12th to 24th. There was a heavy downpour on the 21st, and a thunderstorm on the 23rd; thunder is very unusual in January.

The last week of the month was cloudy but mainly dry. The development of an exceptionally intense anti-cyclone over China caused a marked fall in temperature on the 30th and 31st.

The mean temperature for the month was 64.7 deg. F. which is 5 deg. above normal. The maximum of 80.0 deg. which occurred on the 4th, is a record for January.

A minimum of 48.3 deg. was recorded on the 31st. The mean relative humidity was 84% against a normal of 75%.

Only 85 hours of sunshine were recorded, the normal being 145 hours. The total rainfall was 3.81 inches, which is more than three times the normal. The greater part of this rain fell on the 21st.

The maximum wind velocity in a gust was 44 m.p.h. at 7 a.m. on the 23rd.

B. G. FIGURES

During the month of January 4.03 inches of rain were recorded at the Botanic Gardens, the biggest fall, 1.69 inches, being taken on Jan. 21/22. Falls were recorded on 13 other days.

H.K. POLICE RESERVE

Orders by the Hon. Mr. C. G. Perdue, Acting Commissioner of Police.

GENERAL

Attention of all ranks is drawn to the fact that the Police Store will be entirely closed from Thursday, February 8, 1941 to Thursday, February 13, 1941.

CHINESE COMPANY

Training Course—Part II. Those warned will attend St. Paul's College for Part II of Training Course under Sub-Inspector (R) Ts'o Huk On on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, February 3, 4, 6, and 7, at 16.00 hours sharp.

Training Course—Part IV. Those detailed will attend Prince's Building, 1st Floor, for Part IV of Training Course under Inspector (R) Lau Shiu Chuen on Wednesday, February 5, at 17.15 hours sharp.

Patrol Duty. Patrol duties will be carried out as ordered.

INDIAN COMPANY

Squad Drill. Those warned will attend Central Police Station for Squad Drill on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, February 3, 5, and 7, at 17.15 hours sharp. Dress-Blue Uniform.

Patrol Duty. Patrol duties will be carried out as ordered.

FLYING SQUAD

Patrol Duty. Patrol duties will be carried out as ordered.

EMERGENCY UNIT RESERVE

Strength, Constable (R) 499 M. A. Prata has been taken on the strength of the Emergency Unit Reserve, as from February 3, 1941.

Constables (R) 473 S. S. L. de Faria and (R) 487 A. S. Xavier have been permitted to resign from the Emergency Unit Reserve, as from February 1, and 3, 1941, respectively.

Company Drill. All ranks of the "A" Company will parade at No. 2 Police Station on Wednesday, and Friday, February 5, and 7, at 17.15 hours sharp for Company Drill under Sub-Inspector (R) M. A. de Sousa, Dress—Blue Uniform.

Patrol Duty. Patrol duties will be carried out as ordered.

O. EAGER, D. C. P. (R.)

DEATH OF HELENA D'AZEVEDO

It is with regret that we have to announce the death of Helena Maria, the 11-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. V. F. D'azevedo of No. 29, Jordan Road, Kowloon, who died after a short illness yesterday.

Mr. D'azevedo is connected with the Canadian Pacific Steamships.

The funeral will pass the Monument at 5.30 p.m. today.

Mr. M. H. Hourihan, Chief Inspector of Kowloon, has reported the theft of a wind-shield wiper, valued at \$22, from his car No. 5410 parked outside No. 202, Prince Edward Road.

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DARING ROBBERY IN N.T.

Another daring robbery in the New Territories has been reported to the Police.

According to a report six masked men, armed with daggers, entered house No. 177 in the Great Well (Tai Tseng) Village, in the Ping Shan district, about 10.50 on Sunday night.

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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONG KONG
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IN THE GOODS of Mabel Boshell of 5-87 Calle 12 Bogata in the Republic of Columbia South America, Widow, deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Court has by virtue of Section 58 of the Probates Ordinance 1897, made an Order limiting the time for creditors and others to send in their claims against the above estate to the 1st day of March 1941.

ALL creditors and others are accordingly hereby required to send their claims to the under-specified on or before that date.

Dated the 3rd day of February, 1941.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FIFTY-THIRD ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. on Monday, 24th February, 1941, at NOON for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1940.

THE REGISTER OF SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, 10th February, 1941, to MONDAY, 24th February, 1941, both days inclusive, during which period no transfer of shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board
of Directors.
O. EAGER,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, 3rd February, 1941.

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HONGKONG TRAMWAYS
LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY GENERAL MEETING of HONGKONG TRAMWAYS LIMITED will be held at the offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Hong Kong, on TUESDAY, the 25th day of February, 1941, at 12 o'clock noon, to transact the ordinary business of the Company.

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN that the REGISTER OF MEMBERS of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 10th to TUESDAY, the 25th February, 1941, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
W. F. SIMMONS,
Secretary.
Hong Kong, 1st February, 1941.

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5,000 REBELS ARRESTED

BUCHAREST, Feb. 3 (Reuter)—Over 5,000 rebels have been arrested in Rumania, according to a Rumanian official communiqué.

It adds that more arms and ammunition used by the rebels have been seized during the past few days.

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CAN VICHY HOLD OUT?

POLITICAL developments over the week-end have taken a nasty turn for France, where the Vichy Government is undoubtedly facing a crisis. Herr Hitler's attempt to secure from France the co-operation which Marshal Petain and his more far-thinking colleagues have so far refused to give him was not altogether unexpected. In view of the desperate position which the Axis Powers are now placed in, it was obvious that pressure would sooner or later be applied on the Vichy Government where Herr Hitler, after weighing up the alternatives, probably feels convinced that the line of resistance will be weakest.

For some days now, the Nazis have been using French hirings and the German-controlled Paris press as a channel for paving the way for action against France and these methods have now reached a climax with the news of the formation of a new political party in France which smells to heaven of its Nazi source. The Nazis have been able to find the shadiest of journalists to develop this new political campaign and the Paris press has recently made the most scurrilous attacks on the Vichy Government.

THE POPULAR THEME in this press campaign has been a demand for the reinstatement of M. Laval, who according to the writers, had been in a position to obtain a number of concessions from Germany for France when he was thrown out and his work nullified. What the Nazi controlled press has carefully avoided mentioning is that M. Laval's negotiations with the Nazis must have provided for something in return for the concessions he was about to get from the Germans and that was that France should go to war with Britain. That was the snag that led to M. Laval's fall from grace at Vichy, where Marshal Petain and his colleagues would not countenance taking up arms against their former ally. And now the voice of the Nazis in Paris has come out with the statement that Herr Hitler has just come to realise that the dismissal of M. Laval was a personal affront to his dignity! M. Laval, therefore, must be reinstated and Marshal Petain must make a clean sweep of his Cabinet and form a Government that Germany can trust!

WHAT ARE the real motives behind this latest Nazi "Putsch"? In the first place it is obviously a continuation of the war of nerves which Herr Hitler has been indulging in. In this case, it is meant to keep the Vichy Government worried as to what the real German intentions are going to be. The formation of the new People's Party is obviously a prelude to the setting up of a puppet Government in Paris with M. Laval at its head, in opposition to the authority at Vichy, in the same manner as the Quisling regime was

EUROPEAN INJURED

While driving a motorcycle combination in Kowloon Tong Road at 8 p.m. yesterday, Mr. Starke collided with a stationary car, No. 4411, when turning into Kent Road.

The cycle passenger, Mr. Stenlik, was thrown out and was sent to hospital suffering from an injured leg.

HEAD INJURIES

Lui Chung-yan, aged about 40, was crossing the road outside Shan Kwong Hotel, Happy Valley, when he was knocked down by a car. He sustained head injuries and was removed to Queen Mary Hospital.

B. W. O. F.

The following is the latest list of subscriptions received to date for credit of the B.W.O.F.

Previously acknowledged, £100 and \$629.004.11.
S. W. P. Perry (Monthly) \$25, A. C. Wilcox (January) 25, Anonymous 20 Edgar Davidson (Monthly) 50, A. Whittaker (Monthly) 50, Millington Ltd. 11.10, Dir Bros. 30, Sale of Service Badge per Lady MacGregor 1, J. P. Rush (January) 10, J. Flinn (January) 50, B. Herschend (January) 10, C. Austin (January) 10, W. Hewitt (January) 10, D. J. Valentine (Jan.) 20, Anonymous 20, W. J. Knight (Monthly) 10, O. E. Berlin 500, The Prison Staff 199.09, The Joint Committee of Hongkong and Kowloon Education Assn. 2,000. Some members of the European Staff of Messrs. Butterfield and Swire (January) 107, Staff of Union Insurance Society of Canton, Ltd. (January) 44.15, Anonymous 24.75, Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Tavada (Monthly) 10, G. C. Worrall (Monthly) 60, A. McAlpine (Monthly) 10, W.P.C. (Jan.) 10, Total, \$832,276.19.

OTTAWA, Feb. 3 (Reuter)—A great army of airmen, infantry and armoured units is going overseas this year, declared Mr. Mackenzie King, the Canadian Premier, in a broadcast today.

established in Norway. Any idea of an immediate German invasion of unoccupied France must be discounted, as Herr Hitler is far from inclined to risk the chance of a rising against Germany inside France and in the French colonies. A puppet Government would put the onus for unrest on the French people themselves and might, at the same time, neutralise the American influence at Vichy where it is represented by the new United States Ambassador, Admiral Leahy. A situation similar to that which has arisen in Rumania might thus be created to Herr Hitler's advantage.

THE MAIN OBJECTIVE of this political manoeuvring is, of course, Herr Hitler's anxiety to get control of the French Fleet and the French naval bases to relieve the uneasy position which has been created for the Axis in the Mediterranean. This will facilitate their activities against the British Navy in that region and, in a lesser degree, against General Wavell's army, as Germany and Italy would then be able to cut the Mediterranean in two and make good use of Bizerte. There may still be people at Vichy who do not care which way the war turns, but there are no doubts about the feelings of the majority of Frenchmen and the way they will react to the formation of this new Nazi-sponsored party. The world outside, however, will not be permitted to hear of these reactions either from Berlin or Rome or through the Paris radio, but it is hardly credible that the French people, who realise that their only hope of liberty lies in a British victory, will submit to these new tactics of the Germans and as long as Vichy holds out firmly all good Frenchmen can be sure of obtaining the help and succour they need from Britain and her allies.

MODERN DESTROYERS

A number of modern British

type of destroyers are based at Scurabaya, but one of the greatest

dangers to an invading fleet

might be the Dutch submarine

force.

Eleven up-to-date 100-ton under-sea craft are in the Indies. They have a surface speed of 21 knots, and are equipped with eight large torpedoes tubes, one 3.5-inch gun, and two 40-millimeter anti-aircraft machine guns. Most of the new types have mine laying facilities and wire net cutting shears forward on the bow and on the sides.

Drydocks and repair shops are at Sourabaya, as well as schools for sailors and officers covering all phases of naval warfare.

NAVY AIR ARM

The air arm of the navy is being readied for action as quickly as possible. Full strength is based on the delivery of PBYS flying boats from America.

Present equipment consists chiefly of Dornier flying boats built by Germany for Holland before the war.

Though these were tops at one time, they now are regarded as partially obsolete.

At Moro Krambangan, the naval flying base at Sourabaya, additional hangars are being built rapidly. It can be assumed that the new hangars will accommodate the ordered PBYS's coming from the United States. There are more than a few hangars to be built according to naval sources.

FLYING BOATS

Dutch Kokker flying boats make up several of the present squadrons, but these too, cannot be looked upon as the latest in naval aircraft.

EDITORIAL

Strip Poker With A Vengeance

"What do you want?" asked the Bench sergeant of a certain Police station in Hongkong, on Sunday night, of the Chinese who stood before him.

"I want a pair of trousers," replied the man who had on his shirt, collar, tie, shoes and socks.

The request puzzled the sergeant until, on looking over his desk, he saw to his surprise that the man before him was minus his nether garments.

"Where are your trousers?" querie the Police officer.

"I have been gambling and lost everything," said the man. "When I could not pay what I owed, they made me take off my trousers."

The trouserless man left the Police station garbed in his shirt, with no collar and tie, shoes and socks, and—a pair of Chinese style trousers which the sergeant dug up for him.

D.E.I. WILL DEPEND ON SMALL, SWIFT CRAFT TO DEFEND COASTLINE

SOURABAYA, Java, Jan. 19—One of the primary considerations of an invader of the Netherlands Indies would be the Dutch naval forces.

The coastline of Java is indented with numerous small harbours. A blockade would necessarily enrage a major portion of an enemy fleet, as thousands of sea miles around the coasts would have to be patrolled.

From a defensive standpoint small, swift vessels are best adopted to blanket defence of the Indies. Naval leaders have advocated the building of many harbour defence and types of ships of the hit and run variety instead of bigger craft.

TORPEDO BOATS

Consequently a large number of motor torpedo boats are sliding down the ways in the naval dockyards of Sourabaya. This water scorpion fleet embodies special features that renders it ideal for coastal and harbour patrol work.

The vessels are armed with two 10-inch torpedo tubes, four machine guns mounted on double swivels, and have a top speed of 40 knots. The hulls are steel overall and are powered by three airplane motors, enabling use of triple screws.

The Dutch navy does not depend upon capital ships. A number of outdated cruisers are in the Indies, often function chiefly as training ships. The building of new larger vessels is considered impractical.

CRUISING RANGE

The cruising range of this type of Dornier is eight or nine hours.

Top speed is 150 nautical miles an hour. Most of the Dorniers are steadily on patrol, often not returning to their main base for several months. Before the war regular patrols were kept, but now these are doubled and operate both day and night.

About 200 airmen of the Dutch air force who escaped from Holland to England have been sent to the Indies, where they augment the constantly increasing number of bombing pilots and observers.

Moro Krambangan possesses repair shops of all types. Planes are rebuilt and assembled on the spot. Few repairs are too difficult to handle.

NATIVE LABOUR

The labour is mainly native. Bosses are Dutch petty officers. Native aptitude for handicraft work makes most jobs easy, but more intricate mechanical problems are always carefully supervised.

The barracks and general accommodations are excellent, and defence batteries plus other means for the protection of the base are well planned.

The sailors, both at the dockyard and at the flying base, are more than eager for action. Because of naval regulations, they could not bring their wives to the Indies when assigned here before the invasion of Holland.

They have had little news of their families. Revenge and a chance to strike back is their greatest hope. Patrols on the look out for German raiders in the Pacific are itching for the opportunity of dealing counter blows.

BOMBS THROWN AT CHINESE COURTS

SHANGHAI, Feb. 3 (Reuter)—Two attempts to bomb the Chungking-controlled courts in the International Settlement were made in the early hours of this morning when a hand-grenade was thrown at the Kulangsu High Court. Three hand-grenades were then thrown at the First District Court.

There were no damage and no casualties.

All the grenades were foug from passing motor cars.

DEBATE ON THE GOLDEN AGE

At a debate held in the Tang Chi-ning Library last night, the motion "That this house believes the Golden Age was in the Past" was defeated by an overwhelming majority.

The speakers were Mr. H. C. Macnamara and Mr. Y. F. Chan for the Hongkong Legal Debating Society, and Mr. Leslie Sung and Mr. S. K. Tan represented the H.K.U. Arts Association.

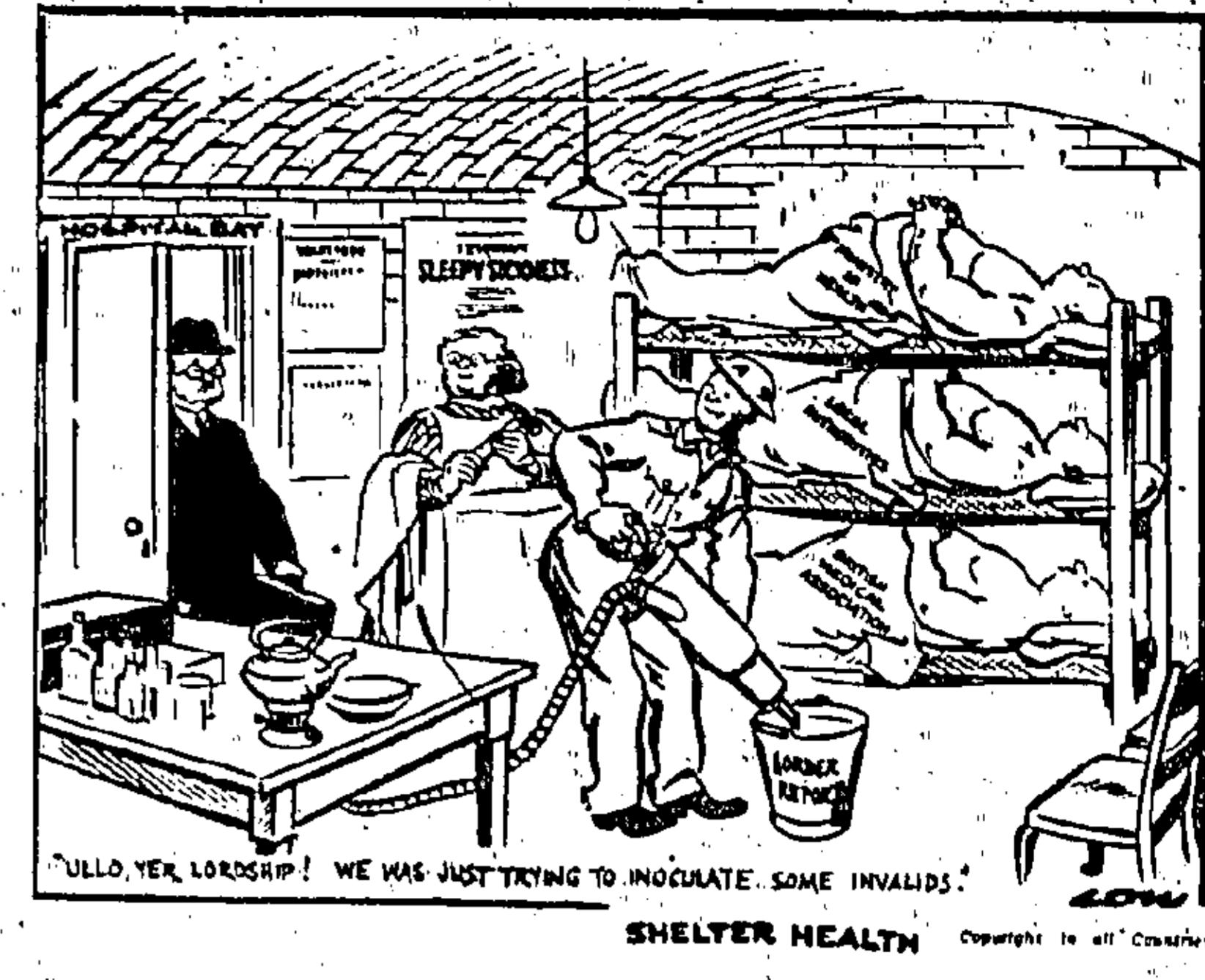
Among those who spoke from the floor were Messrs. H. L. McKenzie Percy Chen, D. McCullum, and D. Brittain Evans.

Prof. R. K. M. Simpson was in the chair and the debate was attended by a good number of members of the Hongkong Legal Debating Society following their annual dinner.

SOCCER REFEREES' MEETING

A monthly meeting of the Hongkong Football Referees' Association will be held at the Hotel Cecil today at 8 p.m. The usual talk on soccer will be given by one of its members.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 1941.



GREEK STRATEGY IN WAR OF MOVEMENT DISCUSSED BY MILITARY EXPERT

The view that as long as the war in Albania continued to be one of movement the Italians could not hope to stem their retreat was expressed in a broadcast from London yesterday by M. STAVREDI, a military commentator, when he discussed the progress of the war in Albania.

The speaker stated that the Italians would no doubt prefer a war of position, but the Greeks insisted on making it one of movement. In a war of position, the Italian troops would have been able to organise their lines of communication and supply and food and munition would have been available to the soldiers in the front line.

ITALIANS DISORGANISED
The Greek command had set itself the task of destroying Italian supply bases and how far they had succeeded could be judged from the statement of an Italian prisoner that several of their important supply bases had now been disintegrated.

"The Italians were completely disorganised in their withdrawal before the first Greek advance," said M. Stavredi. "Then General Soddu attempted to stabilise the position. This was what his predecessor intended to do himself and reports now state that this general challenged General Soddu to a duel for having stolen his plan of campaign.

"In any case the rapid Greek advance prevented General Soddu from carrying out somebody else's plan and the Italian armies were kept moving at a brisk pace. As the winter approached, the Greek advance slowed down and the Italians made yet another attempt to stabilise their line.

"This time it was by a line running east to Klissura and then turning north. This line was however first broken at the western end and then again near its head by the Greek capture of Klissura.

ANOTHER CHANGE
At this juncture there was another change in the command and General Cavallero took General Soddu's place. It was after this that the Italian counter-attack began. Perhaps, if Gen. Soddu survives long enough, we shall hear of another challenge to a duel on the subject of this plan of campaign.

"In the meantime, these Italian counter-attacks had not been successful," said M. Stavredi, who earlier in his remarks had referred to this subject when he said that the Greek army continued under the command of General Papagos and had won fresh successes and that the Italian efforts had resulted in even heavier losses than before.

The speaker commented on statements made by an Italian officer who had been taken prisoner that the Italian soldiers were in a pitiable state and hungry. This was a factor which was always calculated to sap the morale of any army.

"All this seems to show that the Italian soldiers have no great confidence in their leaders," said M. Stavredi. "Besides, General Wavell's continued advance must have been as discouraging to the Italians as it was encouraging to the Greeks."

JAPANESE SCORE FIRST DIPLOMATIC SUCCESS FOR LONG PERIOD

LONDON, Feb. 3 (Reuter)—By imposing their arbitration on the French in Indo-China and on Thailand, the Japanese have scored the first diplomatic success for a long period, writes THE TIMES. Diplomatic correspondent.

They may also have strengthened their military and naval position in the South Seas—that vague and elastically defined region which they would like to earmark as under the Japanese sphere of influence.

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL ELECTION ON APR. 10-11

CHUNGKING, Feb. 3 (Central)—A Shanghai message states that the Shanghai Municipal Council has fixed April 10 and 11 for this year's election of the Councillors. With the approach of the date of election the Japanese are making preparations to renew their attempt to increase their representation on the Council.

Keen competition in the election is expected but competent observers believe that the British and Americans will still maintain their dominant position.

Though the Japanese Ratepayers' Association decided at a special meeting yesterday not to attend the next meeting of the Shanghai Municipal ratepayers fixed for Feb. 5 it is learned that their final attitude has not yet been decided upon.

Meanwhile, the Shanghai Municipal Council is taking strict precautions regarding the next ratepayers' meeting.

Japanese Incendiaries Active

SHANGHAI, Feb. 3 (Reuter)—While the city was soundly asleep, a party, alleged to be Japanese, commanded a British-owned taxi at 3 a.m. today, threw out the Chinese driver, drove to the race course and attempted to burn down the marshalled where the ratepayers will be re-meeting on Feb. 5.

However, the Fire Brigade put out the fire before serious damage was done although the taxi, which was first set ablaze to light up the marshalled, is a total loss.

The party fired several shots into the marshalled before leaving.

A Shanghai Municipal Council spokesman reveals that two Japanese were involved and that they escaped to the badlands in another commandeered British-owned taxi after an exchange of shots with White Russian sentries.

SINGLE GERMAN RAIDERS OVER BRITAIN

Single German raiders flew over Britain yesterday, states a London message.

In the London district one child was killed and several houses damaged.

Other aircraft appeared over East Anglia and the South-East.

A raider which dived out of the clouds on a South-East town was hit by A.A. fire.

There was no enemy air activity over Britain on Sunday night and this was the 13th raid free night out of 14.

JALAVA MASSACRE:

IRON GUARD REBELS TO FACE MILITARY COURT

ROME, Feb. 3 (Reuter)—The band of rebel Iron Guards who massacred 92 people in the Forest of Jalava near Bucharest on Jan. 21 have been arrested, says a Bucharest despatch.

They will appear before a military tribunal. An official communiqué issued in Bucharest yesterday states that all was quiet in the country.

The authorities, it adds, are still defending the honour, rights and peace of Rumanians."

Addressing Rumanian youths he asked them "to examine their consciences and give up thoughts of violence against the State and collaborate in the reconstruction of the country."

He concluded by asking all Rumanians to take as their example "the great struggles and the magnificent sacrifices of the Fuehrer and the Duce, and the national Socialist and Fascist revolutions."

"Nobody would dare repeat the recent attempt to overthrow the established order."

He added: "I swear nobody in the world will hinder me from

OFFICERS' TRAINING SCHOOL AT MHOW

BOMBAY, Feb. 3 (Reuter)—Applications are being received from all parts of India for entry into the recently established Officers' School at Mhow where an intensive six months' training course is given.

During a visit to the school, says Reuter's Special correspondent, "I saw raw recruits learning the rudiments of military knowledge and talked with some of the senior cadets, fit and self-confident, and eagerly looking forward to the day they leave the school and receive commissions."

"Full strength of the school consists of six companies of about 100 each. It is planned to turn out 1,200 cadets annually."

ALL SPORTS

In addition to military training, great stress is laid by the authorities for physical fitness and extensive facilities for all kinds of sports are provided.

"I inspected the comfortable living quarters and messrooms and also visited the well-equipped gymnasium and lecture halls."

"Later I went out to the camp where the senior cadets were training. They had just returned from tactical exercises. All were pictures of fitness and bubbling over with enthusiasm for a new life. All told me their main ambition was to go to the Middle East and their only anxiety was that they might be too late."

More Local Successes For Greeks

ATHENS, Feb. 3 (Reuter)—More local successes and the capture of prisoners are announced in a Greek communiqué issued last night.

The whole mountain range north of Kifissia, nine miles long, is now in Greek hands after successful fighting in the last few days which took place principally between Kifissia and Berat guarding the approaches to Valona and Elbasan.

The initiative remains in Greek hands despite the recent desperate Italian counter-attacks.

TRIBUTE TO GREEKS

The American Help for Greece Organisation has sent a message to the Greek Premier, M. Koryzis, paying tribute to the glorious way in which the Greek people were fighting for independence, states a London message.

It is added that Mrs. Roosevelt has become a member of the National Citizens' Committee to deal with the drive for \$10,000,000 for war relief for Greece.

YUNNAN TAKES ALERT & WATCHFUL ATTITUDE

Yunnan is taking an alert and watchful attitude towards the Japanese mediation in the Thai-French Indo-China dispute. Strict vigilance is maintained on the Yunnan-French Indo-China border against a possible Japanese invasion.

Interviewed by the TA KUNG PAO correspondent, General Lung Yun, Chairman of the Yunnan Provincial Government, declared:

"The ulterior motive of Japan's mediation is apparently to bring the entire Tonkin area under her control and to enlarge her sphere of influence in French Indo-China."

S'HAI EDITOR MURDERED

COWARDLY ATTACK: SHOT FROM BEHIND

SHANGHAI, Feb. 3 (Reuter)—Ching Hua-ting, editor of the Shunpao, was shot dead at 4.30 a.m. today while passing the Ambassador Ballroom with friends.

He was hit by three bullets, one in the head and two in the chest. There are no arrests yet.

Ching Hua-ting, was one of 83 black listed by the Nanking regime last year. He was armed with two automatics at the time but had no chance to use them, being shot at close range from behind.

He was 40 years of age and has been with the Shunpao for 10 years.

The Shunpao is published by Mr. N. F. Aliman, American member of the Municipal Council, and registered with the American authorities.

CABLE



Sir Kinsley Wood, Chancellor of the Exchequer, who will shortly request a heavy vote of credit for financing the war expenditure.

Indian Arms Production

Factories Working At Full Blast

BOMBAY, Feb. 3 (Reuter)—Black smoke was belching from all chimneys in Jubbulpore gun-carriage factory as I passed its carefully-guarded gates to be shown the huge workshops where carriages of India's guns are constructed, writes Reuter's special correspondent.

When I entered the workshops the roar of powerful machinery was almost deafening.

Amid the fierce glow of numerous furnaces skilled Indian workmen were manipulating red-hot metal with a casualness born of long practice.

I saw one of the latest guns complete with a new carriage. The old wooden spoke-wheels are abolished. The formidable weapon that I saw was fitted with heavy pneumatic tyres. All the guns fitted with carriages in the factory are made in India.

OUTPUT TREBLED

Since the outbreak of war, the output of the factory is two or three times the pre-war production while the number of workmen is more than doubled.

Production is almost continuous, ranging from 20 hours a day in some shops to nearly 24 in others.

While the main work is the production of gun carriages, the factory also makes a wide variety of other articles, including field cookers for the Indian Army. These cookers are now being produced in thousands.

LORD LLOYD WEAKER

LONDON, Feb. 3 (Reuter)—Lord Lloyd, Secretary for the Colonies, who is ill in a nursing home in London, had a fair night but is a little weaker, according to a Colonial Office announcement.

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WAR CARRIED INTO ABYSSINIA

CAIRO, Feb. 3 (Reuter)—After expelling the Italian invaders from all parts of Kenya, South African troops have entered enemy territory for the first time, writes Reuter's Special correspondent with the South African Forces inside Abyssinia.

These lean, brown warriors, hardened to sweltering heat, have reached the country which for six months has been their goal.

They comprise from Cape hamlets, the Transvaal high veld, the Natal coast and the Free State plains.

With machine-guns ready to spray the elusive Italian native irregulars, armoured cars in the desert, east of Lake Rudolf, trundled across the trackless wastes into Abyssinia.

NORTH OF BORDER

Infantrymen who had already tasted excitement at the Battle of El Yibo went bucketing across rough country in three-ton troop carriers with songs on their lips realising that at last they were north of the border and inside Abyssinia.

The South Africans had to force their way across extremely difficult country, their course lying across deserts and areas where volcanoes, now extinct, had once poured out millions of tons of lava, into a region rarely visited by the white man.

Probably to the astonishment of the Italians, who thought this an impossible military feat, they are now not only knocking at the door of Abyssinia but have crossed its stronghold and are nearer Addis Ababa than Nairobi.

U.S. COURT TO HEAR WIDLER'S CASE FEB. 11

CHUNGKING, Feb. 3 (Central)—In connection with the grand larceny case in Shanghai in which Ely Widler, a Swiss, removed approximately 500 tons of copper in coins and ingots estimated to be worth \$20,000,000 from the Commercial Express and Storage Company and fled into the Japanese-controlled Hongkew area, a Shanghai dispatch states that the American Trading Company, Federal

General Lung explained that in the event of an invasion of Yunnan the Japanese would have to use French Indo-China as a military base. Owing to the mountainous terrain in Yunnan, they would be compelled to leave the highways and railway and depend largely upon manpower for military transport, if they should try to penetrate deep into the province.

Pointing out that the rainy season in Yunnan was approaching, General Lung doubted if the Japanese could complete preparations for an offensive before its arrival.

Concluding, General Lung declared that before the Japanese abandoned their design to "dispose of the China Incident," the Chinese would not relax their vigilance and if they should attempt an invasion of Yunnan, they would meet with the full strength of Yunnan's resistance.—(Central News).

The American Trading Company demands U.S. \$155,077.69 as compensation for damage.

It is learned that the U.S. Court will hear the case on Feb. 11.

It may be recalled that Wilhelm Bendl, a German alleged to be the accomplice of Widler, was arrested by the S.M.C. police.

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MILITARY INEFFICIENCY OF ITALIAN ARMY IN AFRICAN CAMPAIGN

London, Feb. 3 (Reuter)—News of the capture of Agordat and of a further advance on several fronts in Abyssinia is notable proof, if such indeed is required, of British military power and the tenacity of British military leadership against the Italian East African Empire, writes Reuter's Military correspondent.

In exact proportion it is also very clear commentary on the military inefficiency of the Italian army. The selection of British lines of advance against so vast a territory as that of Abyssinia displays a very high level of strategical judgment.

For instance, the line of advance from Kassala strikes by the shortest route at the most decisive point in Italian possessions in East Africa—the great port of Massawa.

For nearly 60 years Massawa has been the centre of their Government and might have been called their base if such a term has any meaning for the Italians in Abyssinia, cut off as they are by sea from all communication with the outside world.

The capture of Massawa will be a tremendous moral blow to the Italians in Abyssinia, for Eritrea is by far the most loyal part of their hold in East Africa.

VALUE TO NAVY

In addition to the capture of Massawa will be of considerable value to the British Navy and will facilitate, if necessary, the supply of arms and equipment which the Abyssinians may require for the redemption of their country from the Italian grasp.

The success at Agordat and the British pursuit of the Italians as far as Keren, points to an early attack on Asmara itself, which is a very important Italian hill station from which the British can descend upon Massawa.

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The retreat of the defenders of Barentu is now gravely imperilled and they will probably be able to escape only by the abandonment of their wheeled and mechanised transport.

Barge concentrations at Boulogne were attacked after which offensive patrols were carried out off the north French coast.

Three Messerschmitts were shot down.

SWEEPS OVER CHANNEL

Over 100 British fighters took part in sweeps over the Channel on Sunday, states a London message.

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AT CENTRAL

BULLY IN COURT

"What right has a big man like you to strike a small girl like that?" This question was put to Lo Hoi, 32, firewood dealer, by Mr. H. G. Sheldon yesterday, when the former was charged before him with assaulting a 14-year-old girl, Chan Chung-kwai, at Gloucester Road on Feb. 2.

Outline of the case, Det.-Sgt. J. R. Bentley said, that at 10.50 a.m. on Sunday, Mr. A. Grainger and Mr. C. Grocock of His Majesty's warship, saw defendant chasing complainant down Gloucester Road. Overtaking the girl in front of the China Fleet Club, defendant struck the girl's head, with the result that the latter fell, her face hitting a stone.

Pleading guilty, defendant stated that he struck the girl, because she had stolen some of his firewood, and that he had paid a compensation of 10 cents to her on the request of the two European witnesses.

SENT TO SESSIONS

Ho Sui-wah, 28, Water Police seaman, W7, Lam Fook, alias Keung Fook, 30, Tsang Wing-pam, 34, Wong Wai-pang, alias Chan Hung, 36, and Lan Lim, 36, all unemployed, charged with, together with two others not in custody, robbing Chan Kai of \$145 and Ho Yui of \$150 at No. 359 Lockhart Road, first floor, on Jan. 4, were committed to the Criminal Sessions by Major Macfadyen yesterday.

First defendant was represented by Mr. J. M. d'Almada Remedios. All defendants reserved their defense.

Sgt. Channan Singh, Police Service No. 214, who arrested first defendant, gave evidence. Wong Kuen, detective testified to the arrest of the other four defendants.

Det. Sub-Inspect. W. N. Darkin prosecuted.

LOTTERER GAOLED

"He did not steal anything, but might have if an A.A. man had not come along," remarked Det.-Sgt. W. Summers before Mr. Sheldon yesterday when O Ha-tak, 35, unemployed, was charged with loitering in the Pedder Street car park on Saturday.

Defendant was sentenced to one month's hard labour.

A. R. P. WARDEN CHARGED

Two A. R. P. wardens, one as defendant and the other as complainant, appeared before Mr. Sheldon yesterday in connexion with obtaining a suit of clothing by false pretences.

Defendant was Li Man, 22, who was alleged to have obtained a suit of clothing from Wong Ping-wa, 29, on Nov. 8 last at No. 4, Sau Wah Fong, by falsely pretending that he was in a position to obtain employment for the latter at the Tai Koon Movie Picture Co., whereas he was not in such a position, and with intent to defraud.

Det.-Sgt. Bentley said that defendant made the acquaintance of complainant through a friend of the latter.

Defendant was remanded for 48 hours.

AT KOWLOON

WOMAN SHOP-LIFTER

Convicted for the second time, a 31-year-old woman, Cheung So, of No. 333, Reclamation Street, was sentenced to six months' hard labour and placed under Police supervision for two years by Mr. K.M.A. Barnett yesterday for larceny of 40 yards of cloth.

Sgt. Groves, prosecuting, said that defendant went to a shop at No. 415, Shanghai Street about 2 p.m. on Sunday when the shop was crowded with customers. She took a roll of cloth from the wooden shelf and hide it under her shawl. This was seen by two folks of the shop who arrested her. Accused had a previous conviction for a similar offence.

GAMBLERS RAIDED

Appearing before Mr. Barnett yesterday on charge of keeping a pat kau gaming house at No. 31, Shanghai Street, Ng Ching, 43, was fined \$30.

Eleven others, who were charged with gambling, were each fined \$1. The sum of \$264 picked up was ordered to be placed into the Poor Box.

Defendants were arrested in the course of a raid carried out Master.

GENERAL



Midnight concert for the troops.

FRENCH AT MARTINIQUE HUNTING FOR SECRET NAZI BROADCASTING STATION

NEW YORK, Jan. 22.—French residents in Martinique informed me that secret German radio station is believed to have been operating regularly in Martinique since September 1939 when the war began, writes Peter C. Rhodes in the Manila Bulletin.

While I was in Martinique French warships in the harbour tried to triangulate and spot the supposed broadcaster with their wireless sets, but failed.

Repeated searches for the secret station for more than 16 months have failed, it was said, because the French have never had suitable mobile "spotter" units to track down over jungle, mountain and cane fields of this 385-square-mile island the person or persons operating the station.

LOW POWERED

Persons who had tried to locate the station described it as a low-powered short-wave set with a maximum radius of 500 miles.

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JAMMED OFF THE AIR

They also claimed that important American broadcasts, including some news broadcasts, have been jammed off the air throughout the Caribbean. They said this was accomplished by two powerful stations in Germany simultaneously calling in on the U.S. wavelength.

There are no official German armistice commission officials in Martinique as there are at Algiers, Oran and Dakar. The French said they never agreed to such a commission in their armistice terms and the United States attitude was believed to have prevented the Germans from making such a demand. Whatever observers the Germans have on the island operate under cover. The French, I was told, were watching suspects as much now as during the war.

FOUR GROUPS

Four groups of individuals are being watched by the French as potential fifth columnists among which might be German agents:

ACTUAL OCCUPATION would be a disaster for the Germans, and they know it. Propaganda, however, is one of their deadliest weapons. If the Germans could incite Americans and French to fight for this island, they would reap a harvest of anger and hate in Europe as well as South America against the "Yankee money bag." They would use it to destroy the influence of your good neighbour France and America should not forget this. I am convinced any German activity here and elsewhere is directed to that end."

SOUND REASONS

One officer, pointing out sound reasons why it was highly unlikely the Germans would ever make a stab at Martinique said:

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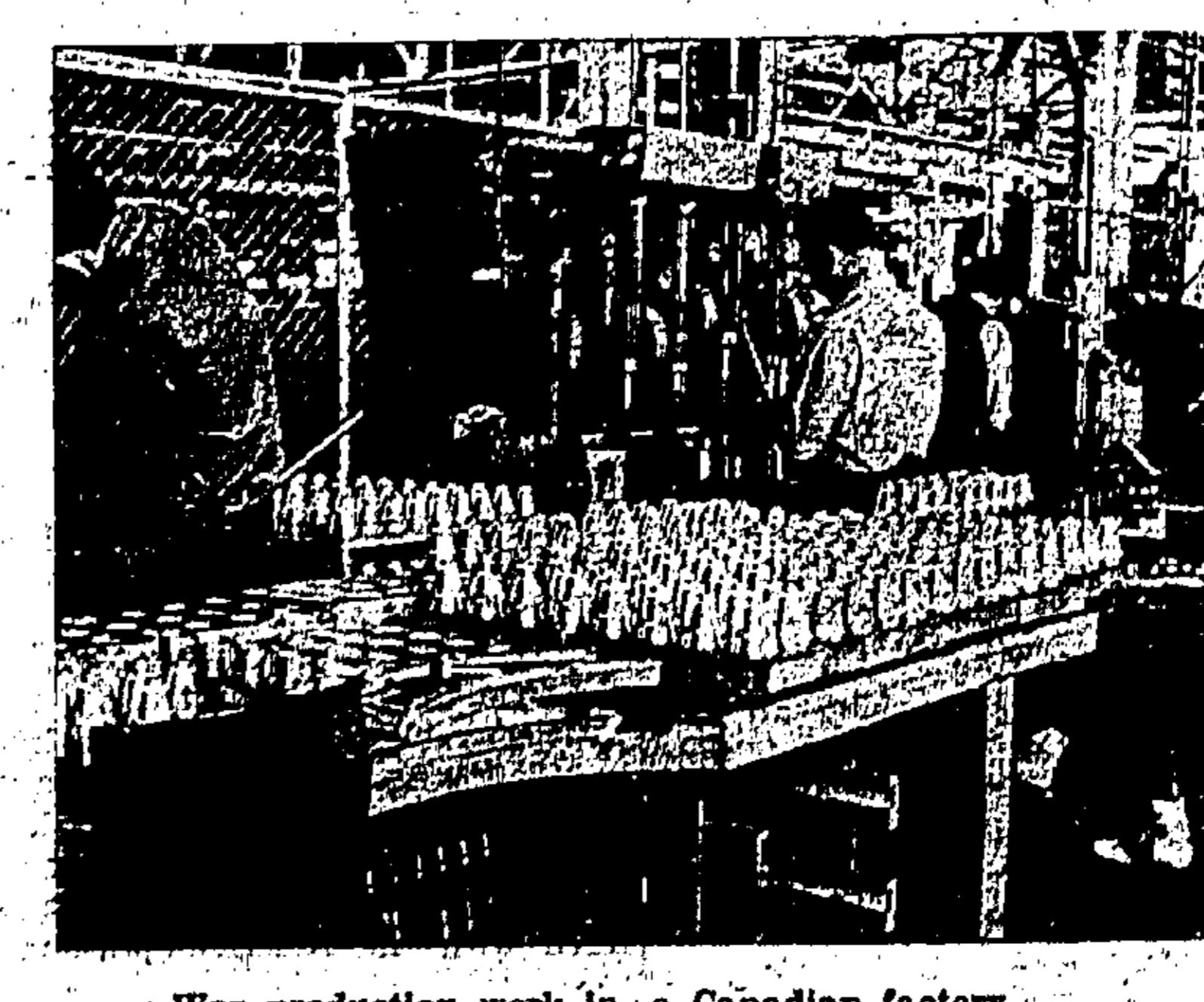
Sufficient available facts indicate that the aim of Japan's mediation is not so much re-establishing peace in the region of dispute as getting opportunities to intervene in the affairs between the disputing countries, gaining an advantageous position for advancing southward and thereby satisfying the partners of the triple alliance.

If by adroit diplomatic and military moves Japan can establish a strong position in Indo-China and Thailand, Japan's preparation for a campaign against Britain by attacking Burma, and Malaya will meet Nazi wishes.

Consequently certain quarters consider Malaya is in real danger of being involved in a war during the next few months. Though today Japanese forces are not formidable in Indo-China, Japanese concentrations on Hainan Island nevertheless constitute the jumping off base for backing further Japanese demands to Indo-China with Vice-Admiral Jean Decoux.

ARMS PRODUCTION OF CANADA

OTTAWA, Feb. 3 (Reuter)—Production of explosives in Canada this year should approach the entire output during the last world war, said Mr. C. D. Howe, Canadian Munitions Minister.



War production work in a Canadian factory.

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DANGERS OF JAPAN'S MEDIATION IN THAI-INDO-CHINA DISPUTE

Dangers inherent in the Japanese mediation between THAILAND and INDO-CHINA were pointed out in messages sent by THE TIMES and Singapore correspondent.

Both Thai and Indo-Chinese circles, wrote the correspondent, are fully aware of the potential dangers in the Japanese mediation.

Latest information suggests that Thailand's losses, particularly aerial and naval, were heavier than admitted in Thai communiques. Presumably that caused Thailand's willingness to accept the Japanese offer of mediation for which Thailand realises that Japan may attempt to secure a reward.

This reminds the Thais of a fable about two fishermen quarreling over a fish caught between them when a third intervened awarding head and tail for both while he himself carried off the best middle part.

Observers in Singapore, the Times correspondent continued, believe that Japan's mediation is closely linked with an Axis plot which is calculated to extend the war in the Far East soon. The details of the plot are yet unknown but it is significant that the German News Agency quoted messages showing Germans watching closely events in East Asia.

JAPAN'S REWARD

The correspondent further was of the opinion that Japan's reward may constitute heavy obligations imposed upon Thailand for stationing Japanese troops in the disputed frontier regions "for maintaining order" as a preparatory step to make both Thailand and Indo-China puppet states in the Japanese "New Order" with neither able effectively to thwart Tokyo. Both can place obstacles and difficulties in the way of Japan's advance but can scarcely stop Japan if Tokyo is prepared to risk the consequences.

All these actual and potential developments, concluded the correspondent, constitute the greatest significance for Malaya. Japan may make "an attempt to outflank the guns of Singapore" and "get at Singapore by the back door." Fortunately the back door is well protected.—(Central News).

S.A.A.F. BOMB ASSAB

BRITISH MAINTAIN AIR OFFENSIVE

CAIRO, Feb. 3 (Reuter)—Bombers of the South African Air Force operated on Sunday in support of the British advance in several parts of Italian East Africa.

They attacked Assab, Italy's second Eritrean port, where a store and dumps were hit, concentrations of motor transport at Merga (Yavello), and aerodromes at Zula where direct hits were obtained on military buildings.

An R.A.F. communiqué reports that offensive fighter patrols, bombing raids and reconnaissance flights were continued throughout the Middle East and from all of them all aircraft returned safely.

Normal fighter patrols were maintained over Libya. Two damaged enemy aircraft were observed on the ground at Barce.

A number of enemy aircraft which flew over Malta were attacked by British fighters and two Fiat bi-plane fighters were destroyed.

FOREIGN MARKETS & QUOTATIONS

MONEY AND EXCHANGE CLOSING QUOTATIONS

FEBRUARY 3, 1941.

On London:	Telegraphic Transfer 1/2 7/8
Bank Bills, on demand 1/2 7/8	Credits 4 months' sight
On Shanghai:	On demand 430
On Singapore:	On demand 53 3/4
On Japan:	On demand 102 1/2
On India:	Telegraphic Transfer 82 1/2 and demand
On New York:	Bank Bills, on demand 23 9/16 Credits, 60 days' sight 24 5/16
On Batavia:	On demand 44 1/8
On Paris:	Bank Bills, on demand Nom. Credits 4 months' sight Nom.
On Saigon:	On demand 102 1/4
On Manila:	On demand 47 1/8
On Bangkok:	On demand 149 1/2
On Sterling Notes:	Bank Buying Rate ... Nom. Bar Silver per oz 23 1/4

NEW YORK COMMODITY MARKET (REUTER'S SERVICE)

NEW YORK, Feb. 1, 1941.

	High	Low	Close	Prev. Close	Change
New York Cotton, March	10.43	10.34	10.39	10.35	.04 off
New York Rubber, March	19.76	19.75	19.79	19.77	.02 off
Chicago Wheat, May	82	82	82	81	.01 off
Chicago Corn, May	61	60	61	61	.01 up
New York Hides, March	12.58	12.47	12.59	12.48	.11 off

Total sales Friday: 43,500 bales.

The first notice day for March Cotton is 25/2/41 and last day is 14/3/41.

NEW YORK RUBBER

March	19.79 N	19.85a	19.77 N	.02 off
May	19.64 N	19.63a	19.63b	.01 off
July (New contract)	19.54/54	19.50a	19.58b	.04 up
September ()	19.44 N	19.30b/40a	19.40b	.04 off

Total sales: 20 tons.

CHICAGO WHEAT

May	82 1/2	82 1/2	81 1/2	81 1/2	.01 off
July	76 1/2	76 1/2	75 1/2	75 1/2	.01 off
September	76 1/2	—	76 1/2	—	.01 off

Friday's sales: 8,814,000 bushels.

CHICAGO CORN

May	61 1/2	61 1/2	61 1/2	61 1/2	.01 up
July	61 1/2	61 1/2	61 1/2	61 1/2	unch.
September	61 1/2	—	61 1/2	—	"

Total sales for the day—90 contracts.

NEW YORK COCOA

March	5.03 N	5.03/03	5.10/10	.07 up
May	5.10/10	5.11/12	5.17/17	.07 up

NEW YORK SUGAR NO. 3:

March	2.06b/07a	—	2.01b/02a	—
May	—	—	2.06b/07a	unch.

Volume of business done: 9 lots

NEW YORK SUGAR NO. 4:

March	73b/73 1/2a	.72b/74a	.72b/73	.04 off
May	.76b/77a	.76b	.75b/76 1/2a	.01 off

Volume of business done: 33 lots.

NEW YORK COPPER FUTURES

March	11.42b/64a	11.40b/53a	11.42b/46a	unch.
July	11.37b/40a	11.33b/43a	11.37b/43a	unquoted
N.Y. Official Silver	34 3/4	—	40 1/2	—

NY-London Cross Rate 4.03-1/2

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

(REUTER'S SERVICE)

London, Jan. 31.

The market was generally quiet with an easier tone.

The following quotations are the middle prices at the close of the market in London. All quotations are subject to confirmation and no responsibility is assumed for errors in transmission.

BUYERS

Banks of East Asia, \$76.
Canton Ins., \$210.
Union Ins., \$410.
H.K. Fire Ins., \$165.
Lights (O), \$6.15.
Electrics (O), \$40.25.
Ropes, \$3.20.
Entertainments, \$7.

SELLERS

Providents, \$8.85.
Hotels, \$3.80.
Lands, 4% Debentures, \$100.
Drums, \$18.40.
Star Ferries, \$62.
Lights (O), \$8.30.
Electrics, \$4.1.
Ropes, \$3.25.

SALES

H.K. Banks, \$1405.
Chin. Imperial Rly., 5%.
Loan, 4%.
Ionian Rly., 5%.
Hukouang Rly., 5%, 1911.

Chinese 5% Crisp Loan, 1912.
1913 (Ldn. Is.)
Chinese 8% Ster. Notes, 1925 (Vickers).
Chin. Imperial Rly., 5%.
Loan, 4%.

Int. Paper & Power, 28.
Int. Tel. & Tel., 21.
Johnman, 56.
Kemecott Copper, 32.
Lubbe-Owens-Ford Glass, 35.

Lockheed Aircraft, 23.
Int. Nickel, 24.
Inter. Paper & Power, 28.
Int. Tel. & Tel., 21.
Johnman, 56.

Loyalty, 1911.
Malaya, 1911.
Shantung, 1911.
Singapore, 1911.
Taiwan, 1911.

Unilever, 1911.
Woolworths, 1911.
Marxman Investments, 7/6.

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* SANUKI MARU (starts from Kobe) Thursday, 20th Feb.
NEW YORK via Japan & Panama
* NOSTRO MARU Saturday, 15th Feb.
SYDNEY & MELBOURNE via Manilla.
HUSIMI MARU Wednesday, 26th Feb.
SAIGON
* DAKAR MARU Sunday, 23rd Feb.
(Cargo accepted for Saigon).
BOMBAY via Singapore & Colombo.
* LISBON MARU Tuesday, 11th Feb.
RANGOON & CALCUTTA via Singapore
* TURUGA MARU Friday, 7th Feb.
KOBE & YOKOHAMA
* LIMA MARU Thursday, 6th Feb.
ASAMA MARU Tuesday, 11th Feb.
TATUTA MARU 25th Feb.
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Passengers

RECENT ARRIVALS FROM SHAI

Arrivals from Shanghai by a Dutch vessel yesterday were Mr. M. Sokoloff, Mr. F. Noodt, Mr. F. A. Xavier, Mr. W. C. Cassels, Mrs. L. W. Irlc, Mr. L. M. C. Carson and Mr. R. C. Tavares.

Through passengers by the same vessel for Ho-Ho were Mrs. S. A. Butler and Mrs. I. W. Churchill, passengers for Manila, Mrs. E. G. Nielsen and Mr. H. V. Pearce.

Passengers for Sourabaya were Mr. and Mrs. R. Spivey, Mr. C. M. Perrin, Miss F. K. Perrin, Mr. and Mrs. C. F. King, Mrs. D. Fulstow, Mrs. E. L. Cassels, Miss P. Cassels, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Nielsen, Rev. and Mrs. H. W. Flidley and 2 children, Mrs. and Mrs. H. H. Bucher and two children, Mrs. B. M. Hayes, Miss B. L. W. Hayes, Mstr. John K. M. Hayes, Rev. and Mrs. Joseph Smith, Mrs. Valentine, Yaselloff, Mrs. Edith R. Mather and two children, Mr. and Mrs. F. Peters and child.

S.S. FATSHAN FOR CANTON

The s.s. Fatshan is sailing for Canton this week. She will leave on Wednesday morning with passengers and their personal effects, no cargo being allowed.

WEATHER REPORT

Hongkong Royal Observatory

10 a.m., February 3. Barometer (at sea level), 30.34 ins. Temperature, 61 F. Humidity, 64 per cent. Wind Direction, E.N. Wind Force (Beaufort), 3. Temperature: Maximum yesterday 61 F.

Temperature: Minimum last night 58 F. Rainfall for 24 hrs. ending 10th today, nil.

Total rainfall since January 1st 3.81 ins. Against an average of 1.41 ins. Sunset tonight, 8.13 p.m. Sunrise tomorrow, 7.02 a.m.

4 p.m., Feb. 3. Barometer (at sea level), 30.22 ins. Temperature, 61 F. Humidity, 73 per cent. Wind Direction, E/S. Wind Force (Beaufort), 3. Maximum temperature, 64 F. Minimum temperature, 56 F. Rainfall, nil.

HONG KONG TIDE TABLE
From 4 to 10 Feb. 1941.

Days of Week	Days of Month	HIGH WATER		LOW WATER	
		Hong Kong Standard Time	Height	Hong Kong Standard Time	Height
Tues.	4	h. m.	ft. in.	h. m.	ft. in.
		01 08	4 6	07 47	2 6
		14 48	5 3	21 49	3 6
Wed.	5	01 57	4 0	08 14	3 2
		15 32	5 5	23 32	3 2
Thur.	6	04 17	3 8	08 44	3 4
		15 30	6 4	—	—
Fri.	7	07 36	3 6	00 38	2 6
		17 27	5 6	10 01	3 5
Sat.	8	08 22	3 7	01 24	2 1
		18 20	6 6	11 39	3 6
Sun.	9	08 47	4 1	02 05	1 5
		19 11	7 0	12 41	3 5
Mon.	10	09 11	4 3	02 40	1 1
		19 59	7 4	13 35	3 3

HARBOUR OFFICE

NOTICES

The Superintendent of Shipping, North Borneo, has informed the local Harbour authorities that an unwatched light has now been established at Mautanani Kechel Island in the Mautanani Island at Lat. 6 deg. 42' 45" N. long. 116 deg. 18' 20" E. approximately.

The light has a visibility of 10 miles. A flash of white light occurs every 10 seconds and is visible for a period of two seconds in every 12.

NOTICE CANCELLED

The Harbour Office notice of Jan. 30, regarding a dangerous area being existant in a radius of half a mile from a position approximately at Lat. 22 deg. 09' N. long. 114 deg. 17' E. off Po Toi Island, has now been cancelled.

DERELICT JUNK

A large waterlogged junk sighted in a position approximately at 22 deg. 04' N. long. 114 deg. 07' E. at 2 p.m. on Sunday has been reported to the Harbour Office by the master of the s.s. Chungking.

FLOATING MINE

A floating mine about 2.5 cables from Tai Kok (Lamma Island) was sighted by the s.s. Kau Tung at 6.45 a.m. on Saturday.

THE WEATHER

Maximum temperature yesterday was 64 and the minimum 56.

Total rainfall since Jan. 1 is 3.81 inches against an average of 1.41.

The Royal Observatory report states:

The anticyclone is stationary and unchanged over China, Japan and the neighbouring seas; pressure is tending to decrease over Mongolia and Manchuria.

SZECHWAN PROHIBITS BREWING

The Szechuan Provincial Government has issued a circular order prohibiting brewing in order to economise rice, malt and other foodstuffs.

Distilling of alcohol for military use may however be continued. (Central News).

The following is the Return or notifiable diseases notified as having occurred in the Colony during the 48 hours ended at midnight on Feb. 2:—Diphtheria, one case; Enteric Fever, four cases; Measles two cases; Chicken-Pox, one case; Dysentery, 10 cases; Tuberculosis, 22 cases.

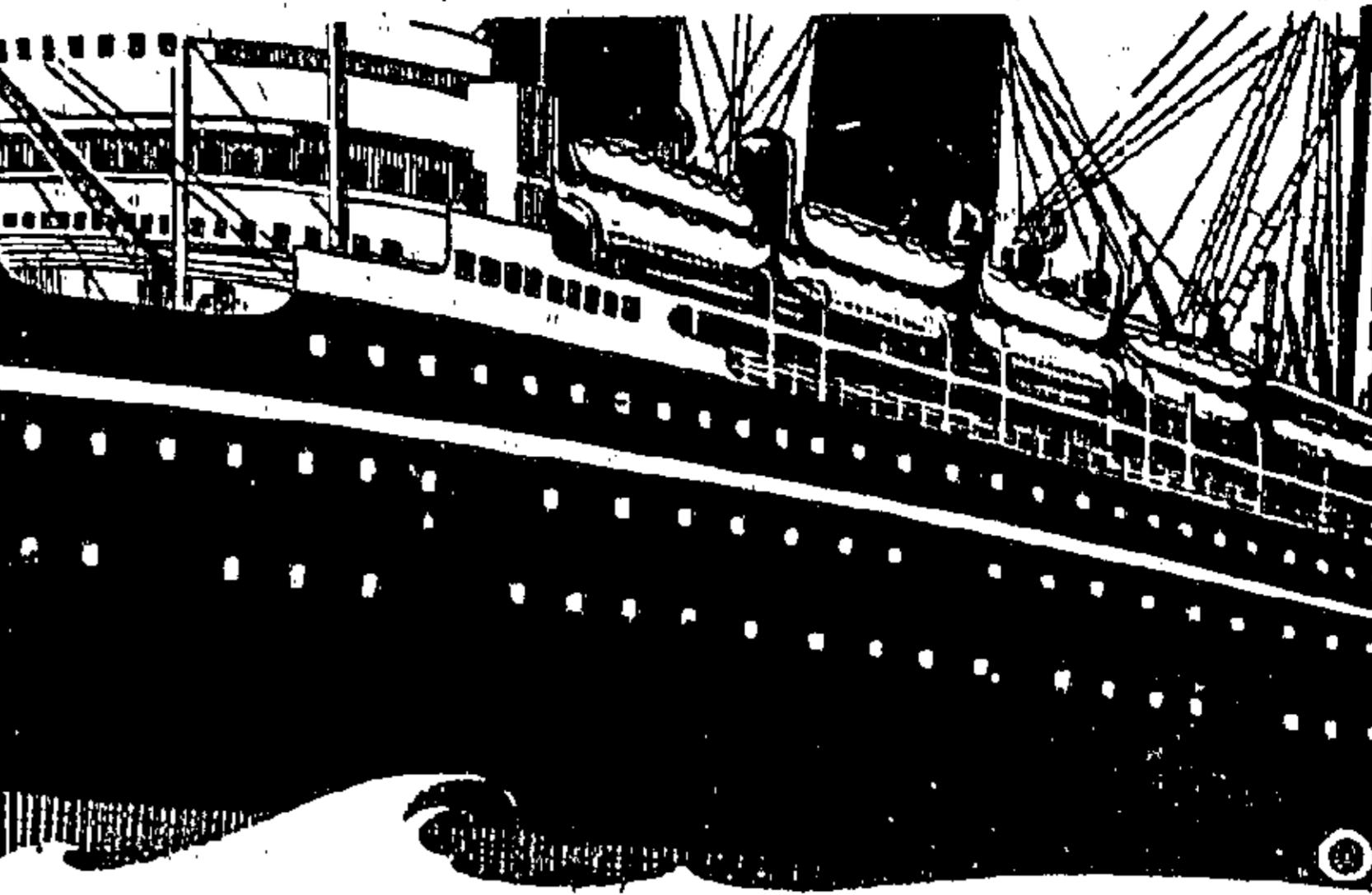
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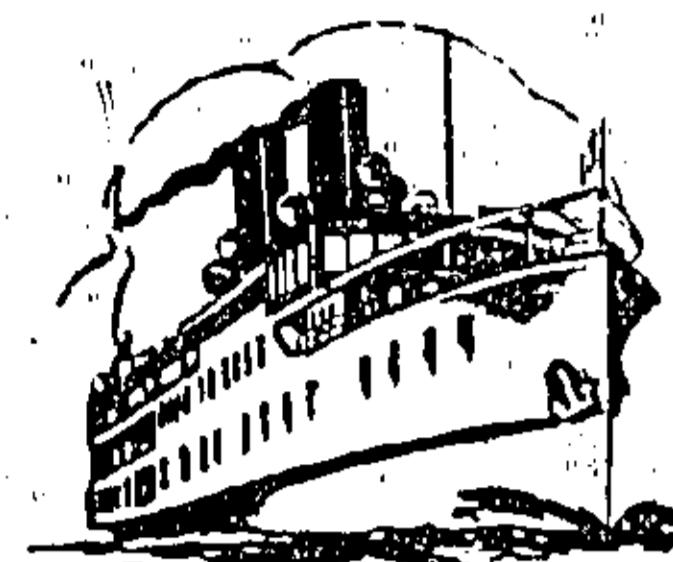
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**PLEA FOR RETENTION
OF MR. NELSON
T. JOHNSON IN CHINA**

SHANGHAI, Feb. 3 (Reuter)—In an editorial entitled "LET NELSON T. JOHNSON REMAIN HERE," the CHINA PRESS this morning pleads for the retention of Mr. Johnson, United States Ambassador to China, "although we have no doubt that Mr. Clarence Gauss' training, experience and understanding of China would make him one of the best envoys the United States ever sent to China."

The paper says that during the past three years the situation in the Far East has bound China and the United States in still closer ties than at any time during the two nations' diplomatic relations.

A great part of the credit for the increased co-operativeness and neighbourliness between Washington and Chungking must undoubtedly go to Mr. Johnson whose job had been that of reporter of the China situation and adviser, mentor and interpreter to the Chinese Government of the official Washington attitude.

WELL GROUNDED
Mr. Johnson has been in harness in Chungking for so long and

**MILITARY LEAVE
CANCELLED
IN JOHANNESBURG**

JOHANNESBURG, Feb. 3 (Reuter)—Up to 10 p.m. last night there had been no recrudescence of rioting except for an isolated incident in the afternoon when it is alleged two soldiers were set upon by civilians.

Meanwhile, military leave has been cancelled and hundreds of soldiers sent back to camps.

Military pickets are aiding in the maintenance of order.

PREMIER'S SPECIAL ORDER

The Prime Minister of South Africa, Gen. Smuts, issued a special order yesterday about the recent disturbances in Johannesburg. He said that he viewed, with the greatest disapproval, the riotous conduct of certain military troops which could only bring discredit on the uniform they wore and to the officer in command, states a London message.

Gen. Smuts drew the attention of all ranks to the necessity of orderly behaviour even in the face of provocation and the officer in command would take steps to enforce authority and civil law which was necessary in that State.

The latest report says that all is quiet in Johannesburg now.

**FEWER
PRISONERS IN
S'PORE IN 1939**

The daily average number of prisoners in the Straits Settlements in 1939 was 1,084, showing a decrease of 136 on the 1938 figure; and in the F.M.S., 928—an increase of 80 on the figure for the previous year.

These figures are given in the report on the Prisons Department for 1939 (consisting of two pages) issued by Mr. O. L. Hancock, Inspector of Prisons.

During the year the evening classes at Taiping for the training of prisoners were continued with success and approval was given for similar experimental classes at the Changi Prison for 1940. The engagement of a Carpenter Instructor for the Changi Prison was also approved.

There were no epidemics in any of the prisons during the year and health was satisfactory.

JUVENILE DECREASE

It is satisfactory to note that there was a total decrease of 120 juvenile offenders admitted during the year. There is no special treatment for juveniles in prisons beyond segregation, as far conditions will permit, from other prisoners.

There is no probation system.

It is of interest to note that 8 European and 39 Asiatic Officers formed Auxiliary Fire Service Sections in connexion with Air Raid Precaution activities.

After care has continued to make steady progress during the year and in Singapore alone no fewer than 185 persons were found work on discharge from prison.

The work of this school, which is under the control of the Department of Education, continued along the lines indicated in the 1938 annual report of that department.

Brief as this report is required to be, it would be incomplete without a sincere expression of gratitude to the many voluntary workers who have continued to give their time and service so unstintingly throughout the year.

**ANGLO-CHINESE
CO-OPERATIVE
DEVELOPMENT
COMPANY**

LONDON, Feb. 3 (Central)—The first meeting of the Board of Directors of the Anglo-Chinese Co-operative Development Company was held here and was attended by Mr. Alfred Barnes, Chairman, Mr. George Woods, Miss Margery Fry, Vice-Chairman of the China Campaign Committee, Miss Dorothy Woodman, Secretary of the Company, Mr. Edgar Duchin, solicitor, Dr. P.W. Kuo, Chinese Administrative Vice-Minister of Finance, and Mr. H.D. Liem, Central News correspondent in London.

The naming of Ambassadors is probably a duty outside the province of ordinary citizens but the welfare of China and the United States and the continuance of friendly relations is definitely the responsibility of the ordinary people of both nations.

In the interests of these two nations and their peoples we feel that it is a matter of greater wisdom for Washington to let Mr. Johnson stay where he is.



The George Cross, above, and the George Medal, awarded for gallantry.

**EX-SERVICEMEN HELP
RESTORE CONFIDENCE**

It is now revealed that the Singapore branch of the Ex-Services Association of Malaya, impressed by the urgent need to fight and conquer the defeatist attitude that was apparent in some quarters about the middle of 1940, made a strong representation to H.E. the Officer Administering the Government at the time "asking that official statements or communiques should be issued by Government as soon as possible regarding the measures taken, or to be taken, for the security of the inhabitants."

The report for 1940 of the local branch of the Ex-Services Association of Malaya, which is to be presented at the Association's annual meeting on Jan. 31, says that towards the middle of the year, and the months of May and June, the war in Europe took a new turn which was particularly distressing and cheerless to all Britons throughout the world. These two months had seen the evacuation of the British Expeditionary Force from Norway, the invasion of the Low Countries, the capitulation of France and the epic episode of Dunkirk.

"The spectre of defeat was beginning to lift up its head and a spirit of defeatism was insidiously creeping into the minds of a number of Europeans and Asiatics in Singapore. Here and there a few residents, instead of setting an example, adopted an open fatalistic attitude regarding Malaya and many members of the Association wrote in, or approached the Committee, drawing attention to the noxious spirit of defeatism which was beginning to circulate in clubs, in offices and in homes."

CAREFUL ATTENTION

Your Committee gave this matter their very careful attention and considered methods which would assist in restoring public confidence in Malaya and particularly in Singapore. After some deliberation, a letter was sent to His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government drawing attention to the spirit of defeatism and, with the sole object of restoring public confidence, asking that official statements or communiques should be issued by Government as soon as possible regarding measures taken, or to be taken, for the security of the inhabitants."

Attached to the letter was a memorandum covering 22 different subjects. It will be gathered that these subjects covered a wide range and it is possible, to mention a few only in this report, e.g. fifth column activities, labour

FOREIGN MAILED

HONGKONG, TUESDAY, 4th FEBRUARY, 1941, 9.30 AM.

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From	Due
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Java and Manilla	6th Feb.
Air Mail by "Pan-American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 29th January	5th Feb.
Swatow	6th Feb.
Straits and Air Mail by "British Overseas Airways Service" by Sea from Singapore	6th Feb.
Calcutta and Straits	6th Feb.
Canton	7th Feb.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco date 17th January)	8th Feb.
Air Mail by "Pan-American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date 4th February	11th Feb.
Canton	11th Feb.
United-Kingdom and Straits	12th Feb.
Java and Manila	14th Feb.
U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (San Francisco date, 24th January)	14th Feb.
United-Kingdom and Straits	15th Feb.
Sandakan	17th Feb.
Calcutta and Straits	18th Feb.
Calcutta and Straits	23rd Feb.

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For	Date and Time
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Canton	3.30 PM 7.00 PM
WEDNESDAY	
Manila Macassar and Sourabaya	Wed. 5th K.P.O. Reg. 8.30 AM Ord. 5.30 PM
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THURSDAY	
Holbow	Thu. 6th 10.30 AM
Manila and Parcels only for United Kingdom	Fri. 7th G.P.O. & K.P.O. Par. 6th 8.00 PM Ord. 7th 8.30 AM
Straits and Rangoon	9.30 AM 3.30 PM
Air Mail by Air to Rangoon to connect with the "British Overseas Airways"	K.P.O. Reg. 4.00 PM Ord. 4.30 PM
Canton	G.P.O. Reg. 4.00 PM Ord. 4.30 PM
SATURDAY	
Straits and Calcutta	Sat. 8th Parcels 10.30 AM
Manila, Straits, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa via Cape Town	Letters 11.30 AM
	5.30 PM
TUESDAY	
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., Canada, Central and South America via San Francisco	Tue. 11th G.P.O. & K.P.O. Reg. 10th 8.00 PM Ord. 11th 8.30 AM
Straits, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa	3.30 PM

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